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# WASP-54b, WASP-56b, and WASP-57b: Three new sub-Jupiter mass planets from SuperWASP<sup>\*,\*\*</sup>

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## ABSTRACT

We present three newly discovered sub-Jupiter mass planets from the SuperWASP survey: WASP-54b is a heavily bloated planet of mass  $0.636^{+0.025}_{-0.024} M_J$  and radius  $1.653^{+0.090}_{-0.083} R_J$ . It orbits a F9 star, evolving off the main sequence, every 3.69 days. Our MCMC fit of the system yields a slightly eccentric orbit ( $e = 0.067^{+0.033}_{-0.025}$ ) for WASP-54b. We investigated further the veracity of our detection of the eccentric orbit for WASP-54b, and we find that it could be real. However, given the brightness of WASP-54  $V = 10.42$  mag, we encourage observations of a secondary eclipse to draw robust conclusions on both the orbital eccentricity and the thermal structure of the planet. WASP-56b and WASP-57b have masses of  $0.571^{+0.034}_{-0.035} M_J$  and  $0.672^{+0.049}_{-0.046} M_J$ , respectively; and radii of  $1.092^{+0.035}_{-0.033} R_J$  for WASP-56b and  $0.916^{+0.017}_{-0.014} R_J$  for WASP-57b. They orbit main sequence stars of spectral type G6 every 4.67 and 2.84 days, respectively. WASP-56b and WASP-57b show no radius anomaly and a high density possibly implying a large core of heavy elements; possibly as high as  $\sim 50 M_\oplus$  in the case of WASP-57b. However, the composition of the deep interior of exoplanets remains still undetermined. Thus, more exoplanet discoveries such as the ones presented in this paper, are needed to understand and constrain giant planets' physical properties.

**Key words.** techniques: photometric – techniques: radial velocities – stars: individual: WASP-54 – stars: individual: WASP-56 – stars: individual: WASP-57

## 1. Introduction

To date the number of extrasolar planets for which precise measurements of masses and radii are available amounts to more than a hundred. Although these systems are mostly Jupiter-like

gas giants they have revealed an extraordinary variety of physical and dynamical properties that have had a profound impact on our knowledge of planetary structure, formation and evolution and unveiled the complexity of these processes (see Baraffe et al. 2010, and references there in). Transit surveys such as SuperWASP (Pollacco et al. 2006) have been extremely successful in providing great insight into the properties of extrasolar planets and their host stars (see e.g., Baraffe et al. 2010). Ground-based surveys excel in discovering systems with peculiar/exotic characteristics. Subtle differences in their observing strategies can yield unexpected selection effects impacting the emerging distributions of planetary and stellar properties such

\* RV data (Tables 6–9) are available in electronic form at <http://www.aanda.org>

\*\* Photometric data are only available at the CDS via anonymous ftp to [cdsarc.u-strasbg.fr](http://cdsarc.u-strasbg.fr) (130.79.128.5) or via <http://cdsarc.u-strasbg.fr/viz-bin/qcat?J/A+A/551/A73>

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as orbital periods, planetary radii and stellar metallicity (see e.g., [Cameron 2011](#) for a discussion). For example WASP-17b ([Anderson et al. 2010](#)) is a highly inflated ( $R_{\text{pl}} = 1.99R_{\text{J}}$ ), very low density planet in a tilted/retrograde orbit, HAT-P-32b ([Hartman et al. 2011](#)) could be close to filling its Roche Lobe  $R_{\text{pl}} = 2.05 R_{\text{J}}$  (if the best fit eccentric orbit is adopted<sup>1</sup>), thus possibly losing its gaseous envelope, and the heavily irradiated and bloated WASP-12b ([Hebb et al. 2009](#)), has a Carbon rich atmosphere ([Kopparapu et al. 2012](#); [Fossati et al. 2010](#)), and is undergoing atmospheric evaporation ([Llama et al. 2011](#); [Lecavelier Des Etangs 2010](#)) losing mass to its host star at a rate  $\sim 10^{-7} M_{\text{J}} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  ([Li et al. 2010](#)). On the opposite side of the spectrum of planetary parameters, the highly dense Saturn-mass planet HD 149026b is thought to have a core of heavy elements with  $\sim 70 M_{\oplus}$ , needed to explain its small radius (e.g., [Sato et al. 2005](#), and [Carter et al. 2009](#)), and the massive WASP-18b ( $M_{\text{pl}} = 10 M_{\text{J}}$ , [Hellier et al. 2009](#)), is in an orbit so close to its host star with period of  $\sim 0.94$  d and eccentricity  $e = 0.02$ , that it might induce significant tidal effects probably spinning up its host star ([Brown et al. 2011](#)). Observations revealed that some planets are larger than expected from standard coreless models (e.g., [Fortney et al. 2007](#); [Baraffe et al. 2008](#)) and that the planetary radius is correlated with the planet equilibrium temperature and anti-correlated with stellar metallicity (see [Guillot et al. 2006](#); [Laughlin et al. 2011](#); [Enoch et al. 2011](#); [Faedi et al. 2011](#)). For these systems different theoretical explanations have been proposed for example, tidal heating due to unseen companions pumping up the eccentricity ([Bodenheimer et al. 2001](#), and [2003](#)), kinetic heating due to the breaking of atmospheric waves ([Guillot & Showman 2002](#)), enhanced atmospheric opacity ([Burrows et al. 2007](#)), semi convection ([Chabrier & Baraffe 2007](#)), and finally ohmic heating ([Batygin et al. 2011, 2010](#); and [Perna et al. 2012](#)). While each individual mechanism would presumably affect all hot Jupiters to some extent, they can not explain the entirety of the observed radii ([Fortney & Nettelmann 2010](#); [Leconte et al. 2010](#); [Perna et al. 2012](#)). More complex thermal evolution models are necessary to fully understand their cooling history.

Recently, the Kepler satellite mission released a large number of planet candidates ( $>2000$ ) and showed that Neptune-size candidates and Super-Earths ( $>76\%$  of Kepler planet candidates) are common around solar-type stars (e.g., [Borucki et al. 2011](#); and [Batalha et al. 2012](#)). Although these discoveries are fundamental for a statistically significant study of planetary populations and structure in the low-mass regime, the majority of these candidates orbit stars that are intrinsically faint ( $V > 13.5$  for  $\sim 78\%$  of the sample of [Borucki et al. 2011](#)) compared to those observed from ground-based transit surveys, making exoplanet confirmation and characterisation extremely challenging if not impossible. Thus, more bright examples of transiting planets are needed to extend the currently known parameter space in order to provide observation constraints to test theoretical models of exoplanet structure, formation and evolution. Additionally, bright gas giant planets also allow study of their atmospheres via transmission and emission spectroscopy, and thus provide interesting candidates for future characterisation studies from the ground (e.g. VLT and e-ELT) and from space (e.g. PLATO, JWST, EChO, and FINESSE).

Here we describe the properties of three newly discovered transiting exoplanets from the WASP survey: WASP-54b, WASP-56b, and WASP-57b. The paper is structured as

**Table 1.** Photometric properties of the stars WASP-54, WASP-56, and WASP-57.

Parameter	WASP-54	WASP-56	WASP-57
RA(J2000)	13:41:49.02	12:13:27.90	14:55:16.84
Dec(J2000)	-00:07:41.0	+23:03:20.2	-02:03:27.5
$B$	$10.98 \pm 0.07$	$12.74 \pm 0.28$	$13.6 \pm 0.5$
$V$	$10.42 \pm 0.06$	$11.484 \pm 0.115$	$13.04 \pm 0.25$
$R$	$10.0 \pm 0.3$	$10.7 \pm 0.3$	$12.7 \pm 0.3$
$I$	$9.773 \pm 0.053$	$11.388 \pm 0.087$	$12.243 \pm 0.107$
$J$	$9.365 \pm 0.022$	$10.874 \pm 0.021$	$11.625 \pm 0.024$
$H$	$9.135 \pm 0.027$	$10.603 \pm 0.022$	$11.292 \pm 0.024$
$K$	$9.035 \pm 0.023$	$10.532 \pm 0.019$	$11.244 \pm 0.026$
$\mu_{\alpha}$ (mas/yr)	$-9.8 \pm 1.3$	$-34.9 \pm 0.8$	$-22.0 \pm 5.4$
$\mu_{\delta}$ (mas/yr)	$-23.5 \pm 1.2$	$2.9 \pm 0.7$	$-0.6 \pm 5.4$

**Notes.** The broad-band magnitudes and proper motion are obtained from the NOMAD 1.0 catalogue.

follows: in Sect. 2 we describe the observations, including the WASP discovery data and follow up photometric and spectroscopic observations which establish the planetary nature of the transiting objects. In Sect. 3 we present our results for the derived system parameters for the three planets, as well as the individual stellar and planetary properties. Finally, in Sect. 4 we discuss the implication of these discoveries, their physical properties and how they add information to the currently explored mass-radius parameter space.

## 2. Observations

The stars 1SWASP J134149.02-000741.0 (2MASS J13414903-0007410) hereafter WASP-54; 1SWASP J121327.90+230320.2 (2MASS J12132790+2303205) hereafter WASP-56; and 1SWASP J145516.84-020327.5 (2MASS J14551682-0203275) hereafter WASP-57; have been identified in several northern sky catalogues which provide broad-band optical ([Zacharias et al. 2005](#)) and infra-red 2MASS magnitudes ([Skrutskie et al. 2006](#)) as well as proper motion information. Coordinates, broad-band magnitudes and proper motion of the stars are from the NOMAD 1.0 catalogue and are given in Table 1.

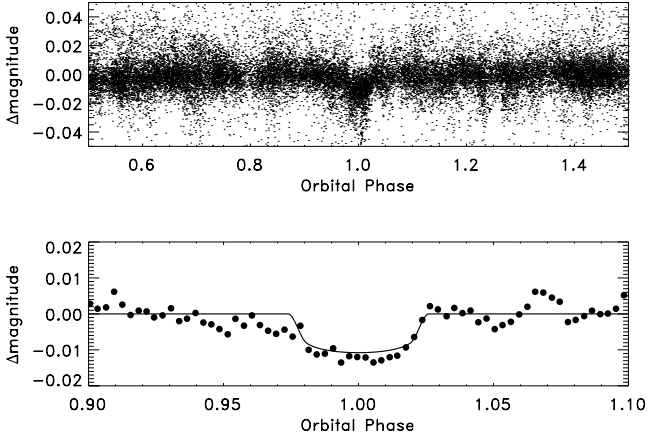
### 2.1. SuperWASP observations

The WASP North and South telescopes are located in La Palma (ORM – Canary Islands) and Sutherland (SAAO – South Africa), respectively. Each telescope consists of 8 Canon 200 mm f/1.8 focal lenses coupled to e2v 2048  $\times$  2048 pixel CCDs, which yield a field of view of  $7.8 \times 7.8$  square degrees, and a pixel scale of  $13.7''$  ([Pollacco et al. 2006](#)).

WASP-56 ( $V = 11.5$ ) is located in the northern hemisphere with Declination  $\delta \sim +23h$  and thus it is only observed by the SuperWASP-North telescope; WASP-54 and WASP-57 ( $V = 10.42$  and  $V = 13.04$ , respectively) are located in an equatorial region of sky monitored by both WASP instruments, however only WASP-54 has been observed simultaneously by both telescopes, with a significantly increased observing coverage on the target. In January 2009 the SuperWASP-N telescope underwent a system upgrade that improved our control over the main sources of red noise, such as temperature-dependent focus changes ([Barros et al. 2011](#); [Faedi et al. 2011](#)). This upgrade resulted in better quality data and increased the number of planet detections.

All WASP data for the three new planet-hosting stars were processed with the custom-built reduction pipeline described in

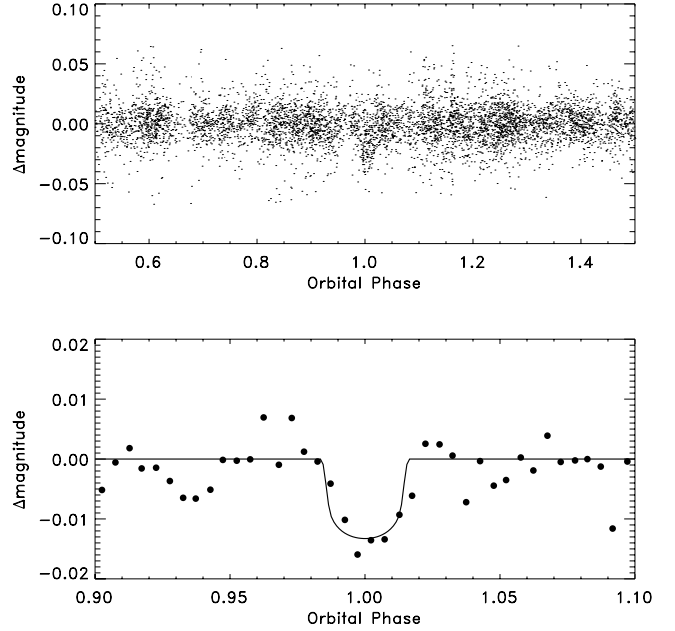
<sup>1</sup> However, we stress here that the favoured circular solution results in a best fit radius of  $1.789 \pm 0.025 R_{\text{J}}$ .



**Fig. 1.** *Upper panel:* discovery light curve of WASP-54b phase folded on the ephemeris given in Table 4. *Lower panel:* binned WASP-54b light curve. Black-solid line, is the best-fit transit model estimated using the formalism from Mandel & Agol (2002).

Pollacco et al. (2006). The resulting light curves were analysed using our implementation of the Box Least-Squares fitting and SysRem de-trending algorithms (see Collier Cameron et al. 2006; Kovács et al. 2002; Tamuz et al. 2005), to search for signatures of planetary transits. Once the candidate planets were flagged, a series of multi-season, multi-camera analyses were performed to strengthen the candidate detection. In addition different de-trending algorithms (e.g., TFA, Kovács et al. 2005) were used on one season and multi-season light curves to confirm the transit signal and the physical parameters of the planet candidate. These additional tests allow a more thorough analysis of the stellar and planetary parameters derived solely from the WASP data thus helping in the identification of the best candidates, as well as to reject possible spurious detections.

- WASP-54 was first observed in 2008, February 19. The same field was observed again in 2009, 2010 and 2011 by both WASP telescopes. This resulted in a total of 29938 photometric data points, of which 1661 are during transit. A total of 58 partial or full transits were observed with an improvement in  $\chi^2$  of the box-shaped model over the flat light curve of  $\Delta\chi^2 = -701$ , and signal-to-red noise value (Collier Cameron et al. 2006) of  $SN_{\text{red}} = -13.02$ . When combined, the WASP data of WASP-54, showed a characteristic periodic dip with a period of  $P = 3.69$  days, duration  $T_{14} \sim 270$  min, and a depth  $\sim 11.5$  mmag. Figure 1 shows the discovery photometry of WASP-54b phase folded on the period above, and the binned phased light curve.
- WASP-56 was first observed during our pilot survey in May 2004 by SuperWASP-North. The same field was also observed in 2006 and 2007 yielding a total of 16441 individual photometric observations. SuperWASP first began operating in the northern hemisphere in 2004, observing in white light with the spectral transmission defined by the optics, detectors, and atmosphere. During the 2004 season the phase coverage for WASP-56b was too sparse to yield a robust detection with only  $\sim 10$  points falling during the transit phase. Later in 2006 a broad-band filter (400–700 nm) was introduced and with more data available multi-season runs confirmed the transit detection. Over the three seasons a total of 14 partial or full transits were observed, yielding 300 observations in transit, with a  $\Delta\chi^2 = -213$  improvement over the flat light curve, and  $SN_{\text{red}} = -7.02$ . The combined WASP light curves, plotted in Fig. 2, show the detected transit signal



**Fig. 2.** *Upper panel:* discovery light curve of WASP-56b phase folded on the ephemeris given in Table 5. *Lower panel:* binned WASP-56b light curve. Black-solid line, is the best-fit transit model estimated using the formalism from Mandel & Agol (2002).

of period = 4.61 days, depth =  $\sim 13$  mmag, and duration  $T_{14} \sim 214$  min.

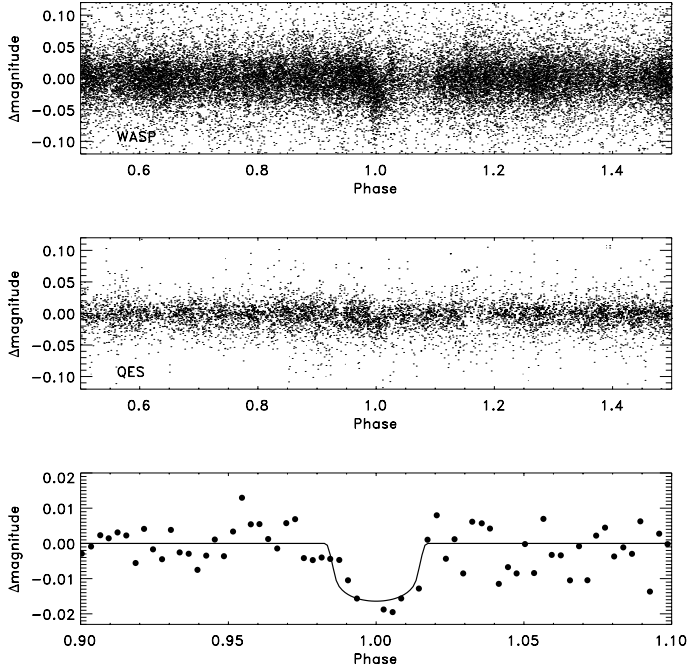
- WASP-57b was first observed in March 2008 and subsequently in Spring 2010. A total of 30 172 points were taken of which about 855 were during transit. About 65 full or partial transits were observed overall with a  $\Delta\chi^2 = -151$ , and  $SN_{\text{red}} = -6.20$ . Figure 3-upper panel shows the combined WASP light curves folded on the detected orbital period of 2.84 days. Additionally, for WASP-57b there is photometric coverage from the Qatar Exoplanet Survey (QES, Alsubai et al. 2011) and the phase folded QES light curve is shown in Fig. 3-middle panel. In both WASP and QES light curves the transit signal was identified with a period  $\sim 2.84$  days, duration  $T_{14} \sim 138$  min, and transit depth of  $\sim 17$  mmag.

## 2.2. Low S/N photometry

Several observing facilities are available to the WASP consortium and are generally used to obtain multi-band low-resolution photometry to confirm the presence of the transit signal detected in the WASP light curves. This is particularly useful in case of unreliable ephemerides, and in case the transit period is such that follow up from a particular site is more challenging. Small-to-medium sized telescopes such as the remote-controlled 17-inch PIRATE telescope in the Observatori Astronomic de Mallorca (Holmes et al. 2011), together with the James Gregory 0.94 m telescope (JGT) at the University of St. Andrews, provide higher precision, higher spatial resolution photometry as compared to WASP, and thus have an important role as a link in the planet-finding chain, reducing the amount of large telescope time spent on false-positives. Observations of WASP-56 were obtained with both PIRATE and JGT, while observations of WASP-54 were obtained only with PIRATE.

Multiple Markov-chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) chains have been obtained for both systems to assess the significance of adding the PIRATE and JGT light curves to the corresponding dataset in determining the transit model, in particular the





**Fig. 3.** *Upper panel:* discovery WASP light curve of WASP-57b phase folded on the ephemeris given in Table 5. *Middle panel:* QES light curve of WASP-57b. *Lower panel:* binned WASP light curve of WASP-57b. Black-solid line, is the best-fit transit model estimated using the formalism from Mandel & Agol (2002).

impact parameter, the transit duration, and  $a/R_*$ . We conclude that for WASP-54 the effect is not significant, never the less, the PIRATE light curves were included in our final analysis presented in Sect. 3.2. In the case of WASP-56 instead, because we only have a partial TRAPPIST light curve (see Sect. 2.4), the full JGT light curve, although of lower quality, is crucial to better constrain the transit ingress/egress time, impact parameter and  $a/R_*$ , allowing us to relax the main sequence mass-radius constraint.

### 2.3. Spectroscopic follow up

WASP-54, 56 and 57 were observed during our follow up campaign in Spring 2011 with the SOPHIE spectrograph mounted at the 1.93 m telescope (Perruchot et al. 2008; Bouchy et al. 2009) at Observatoire de Haute-Provence (OHP), and the CORALIE spectrograph mounted at the 1.2 m Euler-Swiss telescope at La Silla, Chile (Baranne et al. 1996; Queloz et al. 2000; Pepe et al. 2002). We used SOPHIE in high efficiency mode ( $R = 40\,000$ ) and obtained observations with very similar signal-to-noise ratio ( $S/N \sim 30$ ), in order to minimise systematic errors (e.g., the Charge Transfer Inefficiency effect of the CCD, Bouchy et al. 2009). Wavelength calibration with a Thorium-Argon lamp was performed every  $\sim 2$  h, allowing the interpolation of the spectral drift of SOPHIE ( $< 3$  m s $^{-1}$  per hour; see Boisse et al. 2010). Two 3'' diameter optical fibers were used; the first centred on the target and the second on the sky to simultaneously measure the background to remove contamination from scattered moonlight. During SOPHIE observations of WASP-54, 56 and 57 the contribution from scattered moonlight was negligible as it was well shifted from the targets' radial velocities. The CORALIE observations of WASP-54 and WASP-57 were obtained during dark/grey time to minimise moonlight contamination. The data were processed with the SOPHIE and CORALIE standard data reduction pipelines,

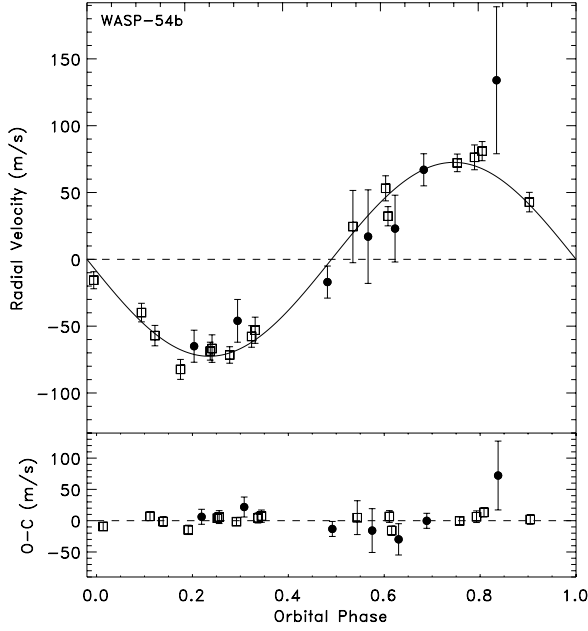
respectively. The radial velocity uncertainties were evaluated including known systematics such as guiding and centring errors (Boisse et al. 2010), and wavelength calibration uncertainties. All spectra were single-lined.

For each planetary system the radial velocities were computed from a weighted cross-correlation of each spectrum with a numerical mask of spectral type G2, as described in Baranne et al. (1996) and Pepe et al. (2002). To test for possible stellar impostors we performed the cross-correlation with masks of different stellar spectral types (e.g. F0, K5 and M5). For each mask we obtained similar radial velocity variations, thus rejecting a blended eclipsing system of stars with unequal masses as a possible cause of the variation.

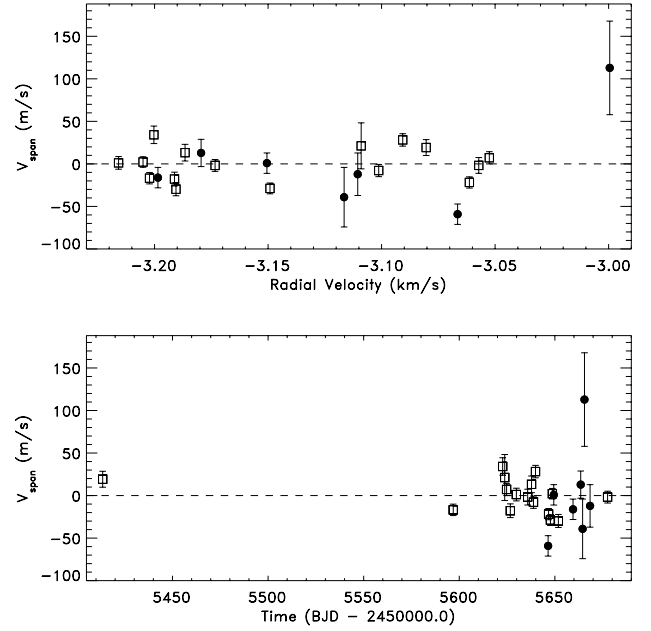
We present in Tables 6–8 the spectroscopic measurements of WASP-54, 56 and 57 together with their line bisectors ( $V_{\text{span}}$ ). In each Table we list the Barycentric Julian date (BJD), the stellar radial velocities (RVs), their uncertainties, the bisector span measurements, and the instrument used. In Col. 6, we list the radial velocity measurements after subtracting the zero point offset to CORALIE and SOPHIE data respectively (the zero-point offsets are listed in Tables 4, and 5 respectively). In Col. 7 we also give the line bisectors after subtracting the mean value for SOPHIE and CORALIE respectively, and finally, in Col. 8, the radial velocity residuals to the best-fit Keplerian model. The root-mean-square (rms) of the residuals to the best-fit Keplerian models are as follow: rms = 18.9 m s $^{-1}$  for WASP-54, rms = 19.5 m s $^{-1}$  for WASP-56, and rms = 24.4 m s $^{-1}$  for WASP-57.

For all figures presented in the paper we adopted the convention for which SOPHIE data are always represented as filled circles and CORALIE data are represented as open squares. In Figs. 4 to 9 we present the RVs,  $V_{\text{span}}$ , and the residuals O–C diagrams for the three systems. Both CORALIE and SOPHIE data sets are offset with respect to the radial velocity zero point,  $\gamma_{\text{SOPHIE}}$  and  $\gamma_{\text{CORALIE}}$ , respectively (see Tables 4 and 5). We examined  $V_{\text{span}}$  to search for asymmetries in spectral line profiles that could result from unresolved binarity or indeed stellar activity. Such effects would cause the bisector spans to vary in phase with radial velocity. For the three systems no significant correlation is observed between the radial velocity and the line bisector, or the bisector and the time at which observation were taken. This supports each signal's origin as being planetary, rather than due to a blended eclipsing binary system, or to stellar activity (see Queloz et al. 2001).

- WASP-54's follow up spectroscopy was obtained from both the SOPHIE and CORALIE spectrographs (see Figs. 4 and 5). The rms for SOPHIE and CORALIE radial velocity residuals to the best-fit model are  $\text{rms}_{\text{SOPHIE}} = 33.6$  m s $^{-1}$  and  $\text{rms}_{\text{CORALIE}} = 8.2$  m s $^{-1}$ . Typical internal errors for CORALIE and SOPHIE are of 10–15 m s $^{-1}$ . The significantly higher rms of the SOPHIE residuals is mostly due to one observation ( $RV = 134$  m s $^{-1}$ ). Removing this measurement results in a  $\text{rms}_{\text{SOPHIE}} = 18$  m s $^{-1}$ , which is comparable to the quoted internal error. We investigated the reasons of the particularly large error bar associated with the measurement above (55 m s $^{-1}$ ) and we found that it is due to a shorter exposure time, cloud absorption, and Moon pollution. The specific observation was obtained during grey time at a Moon distance of 57°. To estimate and remove the sky contamination we used the method described in Pollacco et al. (2008) and Hébrard et al. (2008), however, the RV shift induced by the Moon was high (310 m s $^{-1}$ ) and the relative low S/N resulted in a less accurate measurement (1.3- $\sigma$  away from the residuals).



**Fig. 4.** Upper panel: phase folded radial velocity measurements of WASP-54 obtained combining data from SOPHIE (filled-circles) and CORALIE (open-squares) spectrographs. Superimposed is the best-fit model RV curve with parameters from Table 4. The centre-of-mass velocity for each data set was subtracted from the RVs ( $\gamma_{\text{SOPHIE}} = -3.1109 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  and  $\gamma_{\text{CORALIE}} = -3.1335 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ). Lower panel: residuals from the RV orbital fit plotted against time.



**Fig. 5.** Upper panel: the bisector span measurements of WASP-54 as a function of radial velocity, values are shifted to a zero-mean ( $\langle V_{\text{span}} \rangle_{\text{SOPHIE}} = -29 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ,  $\langle V_{\text{span}} \rangle_{\text{CORALIE}} = 48 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ). Lower panel: the bisector span measurements as a function of time (BJD – 2 450 000.0). The bisector span shows no significant variation nor correlation with the RVs, suggesting that the signal is mainly due to Doppler shifts of the stellar lines rather than stellar profile variations due to stellar activity or a blended eclipsing binary.

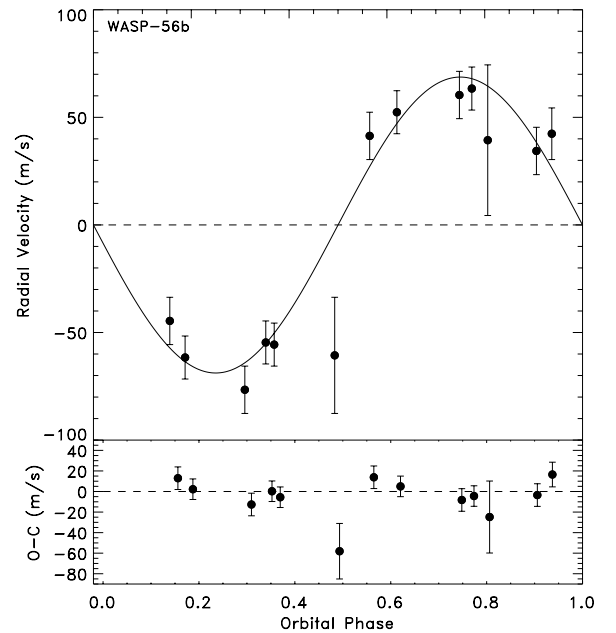
**Table 2.** Photometry for WASP-54, WASP-56, and WASP-57.

Planet	Date	Instrument	Filter	Comment
WASP-54b	06/04/2011	EulerCam	Gunn <i>r</i>	Full transit
	27/02/2012	TRAPPIST	<i>I</i> + <i>z</i>	Partial transit
WASP-56b	16/05/2011	TRAPPIST	<i>I</i> + <i>z</i>	Partial transit
	11/03/2012	JGT	<i>R</i>	Full transit
WASP-57b	05/05/2011	TRAPPIST	<i>I</i> + <i>z</i>	Partial transit
	10/06/2011	TRAPPIST	<i>I</i> + <i>z</i>	Full transit
	10/06/2011	EulerCam	Gunn <i>r</i>	Full transit

- WASP-56 has radial velocity data only from SOPHIE (see Figs. 6 and 7). The rms of the RV residuals to the best-fit model is  $19.4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . When removing the only discrepant RV value at phase 0.5 ( $RV = -61 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ) the overall rms reduces to  $12 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ , comparable to SOPHIE internal error.
- Finally, for WASP-57 the rms of the SOPHIE and CORALIE radial velocity residuals to the best-fit model are  $\text{rms}_{\text{SOPHIE}} = 22.3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and  $\text{rms}_{\text{CORALIE}} = 26.5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ , respectively (see Figs. 8 and 9). These become  $14 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and  $17.4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  respectively for SOPHIE and CORALIE data sets when ignoring the two measurements with the largest errors.

#### 2.4. follow up multi-band photometry

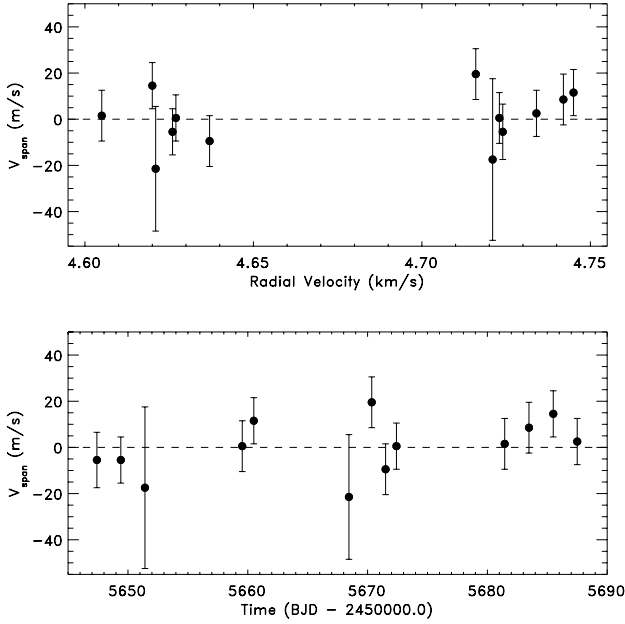
To allow more accurate light curve modelling of the three new WASP planets and tightly constrain their parameters, in-transit high-precision photometry was obtained with the TRAPPIST and Euler telescopes located at ESO La Silla Observatory in Chile. The TRAPPIST telescope and its characteristics are described in Jehin et al. (2011) and Gillon et al. (2011). A detailed description of the physical characteristics and instrumental details of EulerCam can be found in Lendl et al. (2012).



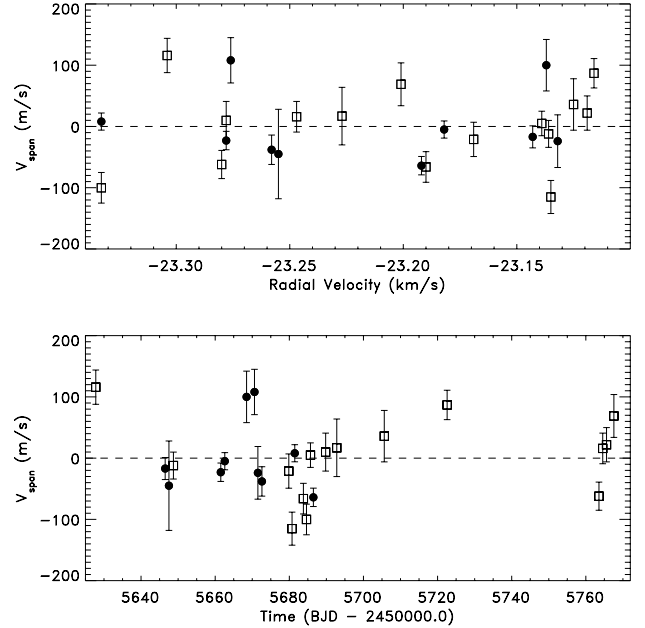
**Fig. 6.** Upper panel: similar to Fig. 4, the phase folded radial velocity measurements of WASP-56. The centre-of-mass velocity for the SOPHIE data was subtracted from the RVs ( $\gamma_{\text{SOPHIE}} = -4.6816 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ). Lower panel: residuals from the RV orbital fit plotted against time.

All photometric data presented here are available from the NStED database<sup>2</sup>. One full and one partial transits of WASP-54b have been observed by EulerCam in 2011 April 6 and TRAPPIST in 2012 February 26, respectively. Only a partial

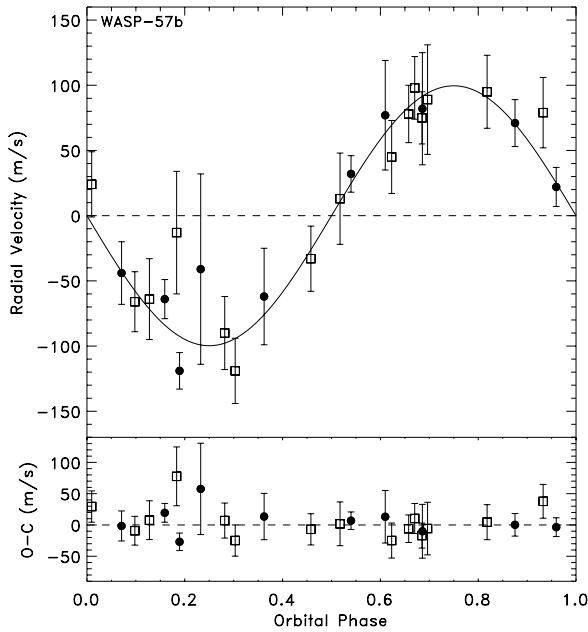
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**Fig. 7.** *Upper panel:* the bisector span measurements for WASP-56 as a function of radial velocity, values are shifted to a zero-mean ( $\langle V_{\text{span}} \rangle_{\text{SOPHIE}} = -40 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ). *Lower panel:* the bisector span measurements as a function of time (BJD - 2450 000.0). No correlation with radial velocity and time is observed suggesting that the Doppler signal is induced by the planet.



**Fig. 9.** *Upper panel:* same as Figs. 5 and 7 we show the bisector span measurements for WASP-57 as a function of radial velocity, values are shifted to a zero-mean ( $\langle V_{\text{span}} \rangle_{\text{SOPHIE}} = -2 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ,  $\langle V_{\text{span}} \rangle_{\text{CORALIE}} = 22 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ). *Lower panel:* the bisector span measurements as a function of time (BJD - 2450 000.0). No correlation with radial velocity and time is observed suggesting that the Doppler signal is induced by the planet.



**Fig. 8.** *Upper panel:* similar to Figs. 4 and 6 for WASP-57. The centre-of-mass velocity for each data set was subtracted from the RVs ( $\gamma_{\text{SOPHIE}} = -23.214 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  and  $\gamma_{\text{CORALIE}} = -23.228 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ). *Lower panel:* residuals from the RV orbital fit plotted against time.

transit of WASP-56b was observed by TRAPPIST in 2011 May 16, and a full transit was observed by JGT in 2012 March 11. A partial and a full transit of WASP-57b were captured by TRAPPIST on the nights of 2011 May 5 and June 10 respectively, while a full transit of WASP-57b was observed with EulerCam in 2011 June 10. A summary of these observations is given in Table 2.

We show in Figs. 10–12 the high S/N follow up photometry (EulerCam and TRAPPIST) for WASP-54b, WASP-56b and

WASP-57b respectively. In each plot we show the differential magnitude versus orbital phase, along with the residual to the best-fit model. The data are phase folded on the ephemerides derived by our analysis of each individual object (see Sect. 3.2). In Figs. 10 and 12 some of the light curves are assigned an arbitrary magnitude offset for clarity.

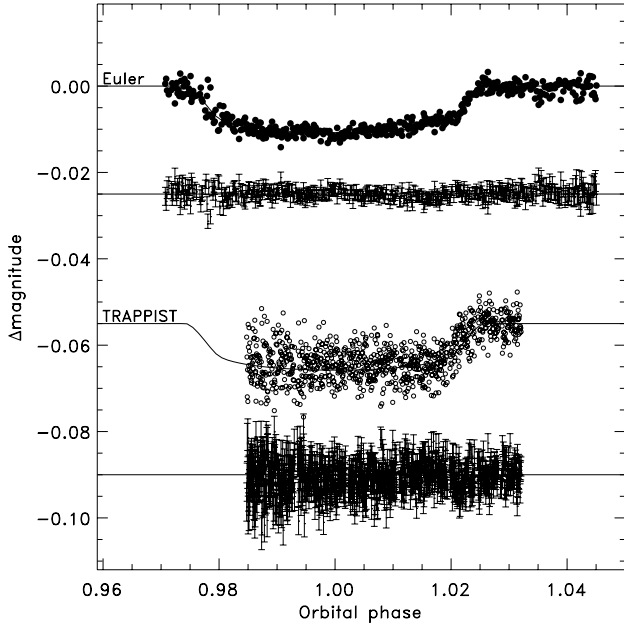
## 2.5. TRAPPIST “I + z”-band photometry

TRAPPIST photometry was obtained using a readout mode of  $2 \times 2 \text{ MHz}$  with  $1 \times 1$  binning, resulting in a readout time of 6.1 s and readout noise  $13.5 \text{ e}^- \text{ pix}^{-1}$ , respectively. A slight defocus was applied to the telescope to optimise the observation efficiency and to minimise pixel to pixel effects. TRAPPIST uses a special “I + z” filter that has a transmittance  $>90\%$  from 750 nm to beyond 1100 nm. The positions of the stars on the chip were maintained to within a few pixels thanks to the “software guiding” system that regularly derives an astrometric solution to the most recently acquired image and sends pointing corrections to the mount, if needed (see e.g., Gillon et al. 2011 for more details). A standard pre-reduction (bias, dark, flat field correction), was carried out and the stellar fluxes were extracted from the images using the IRAF/DAOPHOT<sup>3</sup> aperture photometry software Stetson (1987). After a careful selection of reference stars differential photometry was then obtained.

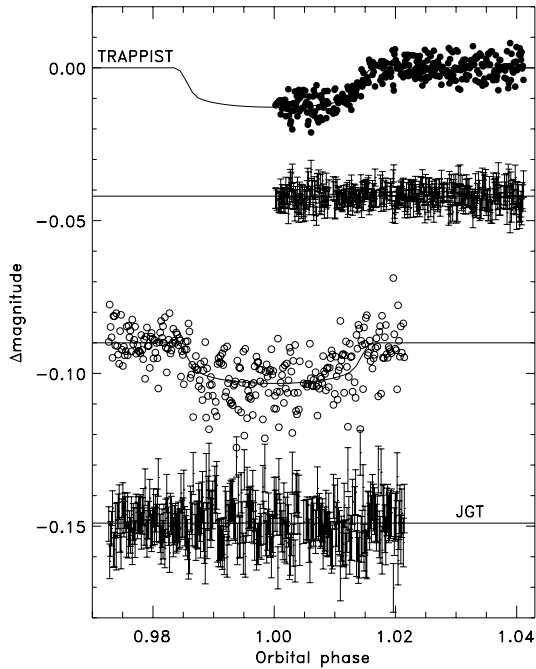
## 2.6. Euler r-band photometry

Observations with the Euler-Swiss telescope were obtained in the Gunn *r* filter. The Euler telescope employs an absolute tracking system which keeps the star on the same pixel during the

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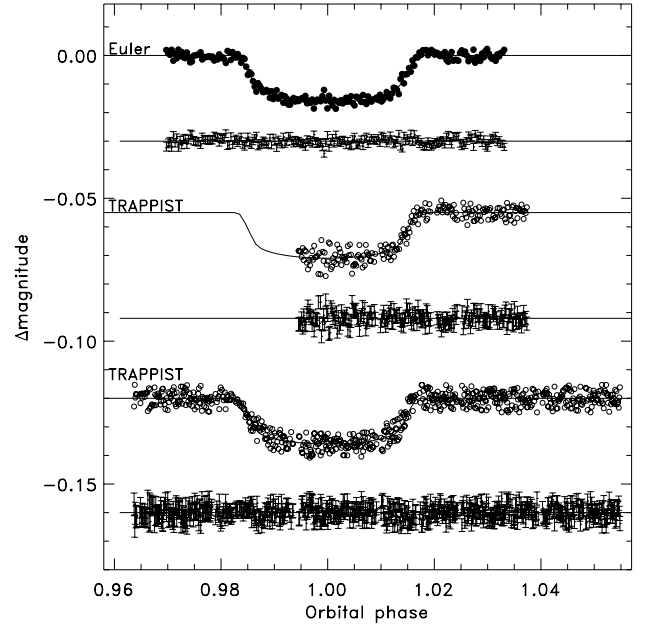


**Fig. 10.** Euler  $r$ -band and TRAPPIST “ $I+z$ ”-band follow up high signal-to-noise photometry of WASP-54 during the transit (see Table 2). The TRAPPIST light curve has been offset from zero by an arbitrary amount for clarity. The data are phase-folded on the ephemeris from Table 4. Superimposed (black-solid line) is our best-fit transit model estimated using the formalism from Mandel & Agol (2002). Residuals from the fit are displayed underneath.



**Fig. 11.** TRAPPIST “ $I+z$ ”-band and JGT R-band follow up high signal-to-noise photometry of WASP-56 during the transit (see Table 2). The JGT light curve has been offset from zero by an arbitrary amount for clarity. The data are phase-folded on the ephemeris from Table 5. Superimposed (black-solid line) is our best-fit transit model estimated using the formalism from Mandel & Agol (2002). Residuals from the fit are displayed underneath.

observation, by matching the point sources in each image with a catalogue, and adjusting the telescope pointing between exposures to compensate for drifts (Lendl et al. 2012). WASP-54b’s observations were carried out with a 0.2 mm defocus and



**Fig. 12.** Euler  $r$ -band and TRAPPIST “ $I+z$ ”-band follow up high signal-to-noise photometry of WASP-57 during the transit (see Table 2). The TRAPPIST light curves have been offset from zero by an arbitrary amount for clarity. The data are phase-folded on the ephemeris from Table 5. Superimposed (black-solid lines) are the best-fit transit models estimated using the formalism from Mandel & Agol (2002). The residuals from each fit are displayed underneath the relative light curves.

one-port readout with exposure time of 30 s. All images were corrected for bias and flat field effects and transit light curve were obtained by performing relative aperture photometry of the target and optimal bright reference stars. For WASP-57b no defocus was applied, and observations were performed with four-port readout, and 60 s exposures. Six reference stars were used to perform relative aperture photometry to obtain the final light curve.

### 3. Results

#### 3.1. Stellar parameters

For all the three systems the same stellar spectral analysis has been performed, co-adding individual CORALIE and SOPHIE spectra with a typical final S/N of  $\sim 80:1$ . The standard pipeline reduction products were used in the analysis, and the analysis was performed using the methods given in Gillon et al. (2009). The  $H_\alpha$  line was used to determine the effective temperature ( $T_{\text{eff}}$ ). The surface gravity ( $\log g$ ) was determined from the Ca I lines at 6122 Å, 6162 Å and 6439 Å along with the Na I D and Mg I b lines. The elemental abundances were determined from equivalent width measurements of several clean and unblended lines. A value for micro-turbulence ( $\xi_t$ ) was determined from Fe I using the method of Magain (1984). The quoted error estimates include that given by the uncertainties in  $T_{\text{eff}}$ ,  $\log g$  and  $\xi_t$ , as well as the scatter due to measurement and atomic data uncertainties. The projected stellar rotation velocity ( $v \sin i^*$ ) was determined by fitting the profiles of several unblended Fe I lines. For each system a value for macro-turbulence ( $v_{\text{mac}}$ ) was assumed based on the tabulation by Bruntt et al. (2010), and we used the telluric lines around 6300 Å to determine the instrumental full width at half maximum (FWHM). The values for the  $v_{\text{mac}}$  and the instrumental FWHM are given in Table 3. There are



**Table 3.** Stellar parameters of WASP-54, WASP-56, and WASP-57 from spectroscopic analysis.

Parameter	WASP-54	WASP-56	WASP-57
$T_{\text{eff}}$ (K)	$6100 \pm 100$	$5600 \pm 100$	$5600 \pm 100$
$\log g$	$4.2 \pm 0.1$	$4.45 \pm 0.1$	$4.2 \pm 0.1$
$\xi_t$ (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	$1.4 \pm 0.2$	$0.9 \pm 0.1$	$0.7 \pm 0.2$
$v \sin i^*$ (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	$4.0 \pm 0.8$	$1.5 \pm 0.9$	$3.7 \pm 1.3$
[Fe/H]	$-0.27 \pm 0.08$	$0.12 \pm 0.06$	$-0.25 \pm 0.10$
[Na/H]	$-0.30 \pm 0.04$	$0.32 \pm 0.14$	$-0.20 \pm 0.07$
[Mg/H]	$-0.21 \pm 0.05$	$0.24 \pm 0.06$	$-0.19 \pm 0.07$
[Si/H]	$-0.16 \pm 0.05$	$0.31 \pm 0.07$	$-0.13 \pm 0.08$
[Ca/H]	$-0.15 \pm 0.12$	$0.09 \pm 0.12$	$-0.21 \pm 0.11$
[Sc/H]	$-0.06 \pm 0.05$	$0.35 \pm 0.13$	$-0.08 \pm 0.05$
[Ti/H]	$-0.16 \pm 0.12$	$0.18 \pm 0.06$	$-0.18 \pm 0.07$
[Cr/H]	$-0.21 \pm 0.12$	$0.20 \pm 0.11$	–
[Co/H]	–	$0.35 \pm 0.10$	–
[Ni/H]	$-0.29 \pm 0.08$	$0.21 \pm 0.07$	$-0.25 \pm 0.10$
$\log A(\text{Li})$	$<0.4 \pm 0.08$	$1.37 \pm 0.10$	$1.87 \pm 0.10$
Mass ( $M_{\odot}$ )	$1.15 \pm 0.09$	$1.03 \pm 0.07$	$1.01 \pm 0.08$
Radius ( $R_{\odot}$ )	$1.40 \pm 0.19$	$0.99 \pm 0.13$	$1.32 \pm 0.18$
Sp. type	F9	G6	G6
Distance (pc)	$200 \pm 30$	$255 \pm 40$	$455 \pm 80$

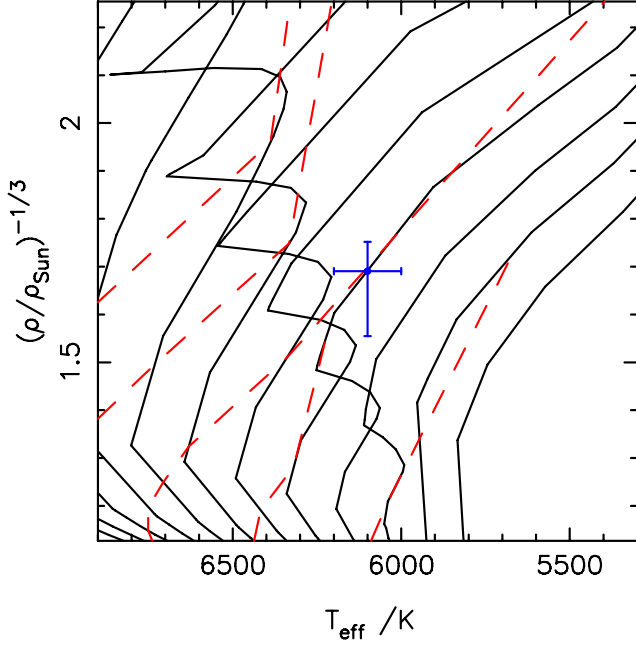
**Notes.** Mass and radius estimate using the Torres et al. (2010) calibration. Spectral type estimated from  $T_{\text{eff}}$  using the table in Gray (2008).

no emission peaks evident in the Ca H+K lines in the spectra of the three planet host stars. For each stellar host the parameters obtained from the analysis are listed in Table 3 and discussed below:

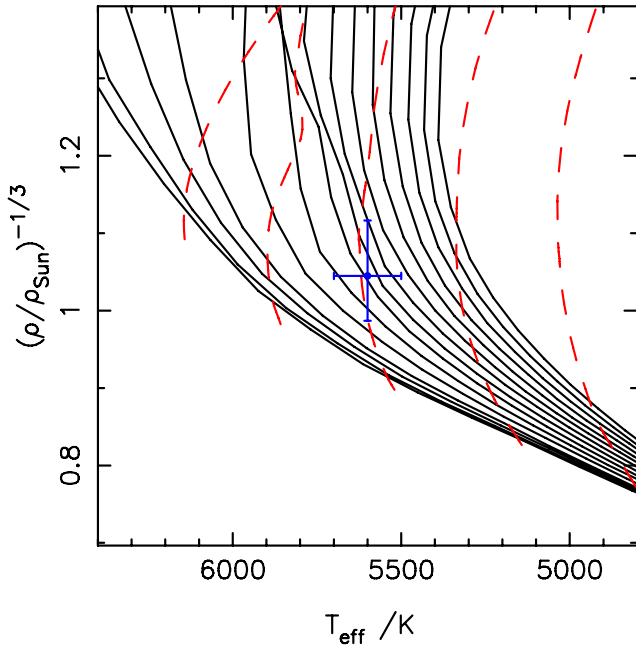
- **WASP-54:** our spectral analysis yields the following results:  $T_{\text{eff}} = 6100 \pm 100$  K,  $\log g = 4.2 \pm 0.1$  (cgs), and  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.27 \pm 0.08$  dex, from which we estimate a spectral type F9. WASP-54’s stellar mass and radius were estimated using the calibration of Torres et al. (2010). We find no significant detection of lithium in the spectrum of WASP-54, with an equivalent width upper limit of 0.4 mÅ, corresponding to an abundance upper limit of  $\log A(\text{Li}) < 0.4 \pm 0.08$ . The non-detection of lithium together with the low rotation rate obtained from  $v \sin i^*$  ( $P_{\text{rot}} = 17.60 \pm 4.38$  d), assuming  $i^*$  is perpendicular to the line of sight (thus  $v \sin i^* = V_{\text{equatorial}}$ ), and the lack of stellar activity (shown by the absence of Ca II H and K emission), all indicate that the star is relatively old. From the estimated  $v \sin i^*$  we derived the stellar rotation rates, and we used the expected spin-down timescale (Barnes 2007) to obtain a value of the stellar age through gyrochronology. We estimate an age of  $4.4^{+7.4}_{-2.7}$  Gyr. This value also suggest the system is old. Although we point out that in the case of WASP-54 using gyrochronology to constrain the age of the system could be inappropriate as the planet could have affected the stellar rotation velocity via tidal interaction (see Sect. 4.1 for more details). However, we note that the gyrochronological age we obtain is in agreement with that from theoretical evolutionary models discussed below, which imply that WASP-54 has evolved off the main sequence.
- **WASP-56 and WASP-57:** both stellar hosts are of spectral type G6V. From our spectral analysis we obtain the following parameters:  $T_{\text{eff}} = 5600 \pm 100$  K, and  $\log g = 4.45 \pm 0.1$  (cgs) for WASP-56,  $T_{\text{eff}} = 5600 \pm 100$  K, and  $\log g = 4.2 \pm 0.1$  (cgs) for WASP-57. As before the stellar masses and radii are estimated using the Torres et al. (2010) calibration. With a metallicity of  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = 0.12$  dex

WASP-56 is more metal rich than the sun, while our spectral synthesis results for WASP-57 show that it is a metal poor star ( $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.25$  dex). For both stars the quoted lithium abundances take account non-local thermodynamic equilibrium corrections (Carlsson et al. 1994). The values for the lithium abundances if these corrections are neglected are as follows:  $\log A(\text{Li}) = 1.32$  and  $\log A(\text{Li}) = 1.82$  for WASP-56 and WASP-57, respectively. These values imply an age of  $\geq 5$  Gyr for the former and an age of  $\geq 2$  Gyr for the latter (Sestito & Randich 2005). From  $v \sin i^*$  we derived the stellar rotation period  $P_{\text{rot}} = 32.58 \pm 18.51$  d for WASP-56, implying a gyrochronological age (Barnes 2007) for the system of  $\sim 5.5^{+10.6}_{-4.6}$  Gyr. Unfortunately, the gyrochronological age can only provide a weak constraint on the age of WASP-56. For WASP-57 we obtain a rotation period of  $P_{\text{rot}} = 18.20 \pm 6.40$  d corresponding to an age of  $\sim 1.9^{+2.4}_{-1.2}$  Gyr. Both the above results are in agreement with the stellar ages obtained from theoretical evolution models (see below) and suggest that WASP-56 is quite old, while WASP-57 is a relatively young system.

For each system we used the stellar densities  $\rho_*$ , measured directly from our MCMC analysis (see Sect. 3.2, and also Seager & Mallén-Ornelas 2003), together with the stellar temperatures and metallicity values derived from spectroscopy, in an interpolation of four different stellar evolutionary models. The stellar density,  $\rho_*$ , is directly determined from transit light curves and as such is independent of the effective temperature determined from the spectrum (Hebb et al. 2009), as well as of theoretical stellar models (if  $M_{\text{pl}} \ll M_*$  is assumed). Four theoretical models were used: a) the Padova stellar models (Marigo et al. 2008; and Girardi et al. 2010), b) the Yonsei-Yale (YY) models (Demarque et al. 2004), c) the Teramo models (Pietrinferni et al. 2004) and finally d) the Victoria-Regina stellar models (VRSS; VandenBerg et al. 2006). In Figs. 13–15, we plot the inverse cube root of the stellar density  $\rho_*^{-1/3} = R_*/M_*^{1/3}$  (solar units) against effective temperature,  $T_{\text{eff}}$ , for the selected model mass tracks and isochrones, and for the three planet host stars respectively. For WASP-54 and WASP-56 the stellar properties derived from the four sets of stellar evolution models (Table 9) agree with each other and with those derived from the Torres et al. (2010) calibration, within their 1- $\sigma$  uncertainties. For WASP-57 the best-fit  $M_*$  from our MCMC analysis agrees with the values derived from theoretical stellar tracks with the exception of the Teramo models. The latter give a lower stellar mass value of  $0.87 \pm 0.04 M_{\odot}$  which is more than 1- $\sigma$  away from our best-fit result (although within 2- $\sigma$ ). The stellar masses of planet host stars are usually derived by comparing measurable stellar properties to theoretical evolutionary models, or from empirical calibrations. Of the latter, the most widely used is the Torres et al. (2010) calibration, which is derived from eclipsing binary stars, and relates  $\log g$  and  $T_{\text{eff}}$  to the stellar mass and radius. However, while  $T_{\text{eff}}$  can be determined with high precision,  $\log g$  is usually poorly constrained, and thus stellar masses derived from the spectroscopic  $\log g$  can have large uncertainties and can suffer from systematics. For example the masses of 1000 single stars, derived by Valenti et al. (1998) via spectral analysis, were found to be systematically 10% larger than those derived from theoretical isochrones. A similar discrepancy was also found in the analysis of the stellar parameters of WASP-37 (Simpson et al. 2011), WASP-39 (Faedi et al. 2011), and WASP-21 (Bouchy et al. 2010). Additionally, different sets of theoretical models might not perfectly agree with each other (Southworth 2010), and moreover at younger ages isochrones are closely packed

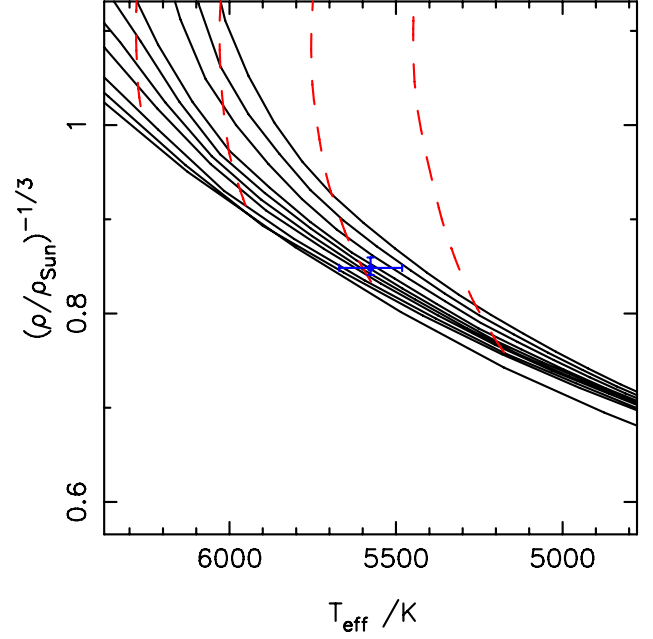


**Fig. 13.** Isochrone tracks from [Marigo et al. \(2008\)](#) and [Girardi et al. \(2010\)](#) for WASP-54 using the metallicity  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.27$  dex from our spectral analysis and the best-fit stellar density  $0.2 \rho_{\odot}$ . From left to right the solid lines are for isochrones of: 1.0, 1.3, 1.6, 2.0, 2.5, 3.2, 4.0, 5.0, 6.3, 7.9, 10.0 and 12.6 Gyr. From left to right, dashed lines are for mass tracks of: 1.4, 1.3, 1.2, 1.1 and  $1.0 M_{\odot}$ .



**Fig. 14.** Isochrone tracks from [Demarque et al. \(2004\)](#) for WASP-56 using the metallicity  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = 0.12$  dex from our spectral analysis and the best-fit stellar density  $0.88 \rho_{\odot}$ . From left to right the solid lines are for isochrones of: 1.8, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0, 11.0, 12.0, 13.0 and 14.0 Gyr. From left to right, dashed lines are for mass tracks of: 1.2, 1.1, 1.0, 0.9 and  $0.8 M_{\odot}$ .

and a small change in  $T_{\text{eff}}$  or  $\rho_{\star}$  can have a significant effect on the derived stellar age. For each planet host star we show a plot with one set of stellar tracks and isochrones, while we give a comprehensive list of the four models' results in Table 9.



**Fig. 15.** Isochrone tracks from [Demarque et al. \(2004\)](#) for WASP-57 using the metallicity  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.25$  dex from our spectral analysis and the best-fit stellar density  $1.638 \rho_{\odot}$ . From left to right the solid lines are for isochrones of: 0.1, 0.6, 1.0, 1.6, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0 and 6.0 Gyr. From left to right, dashed lines are for mass tracks of: 1.1, 1.0, 0.9 and  $0.8 M_{\odot}$ .

Using the metallicity of  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.27$  dex our best-fit stellar properties from the Padova isochrones ([Marigo et al. 2008](#) and [Girardi et al. 2010](#)) for WASP-54 yield a mass of  $1.1^{+0.1}_{-0.1} M_{\odot}$  and a stellar age of  $6.3^{+1.6}_{-2.4}$  Gyr, in agreement with the gyrochronological age and a more accurate estimate. The Padova isochrones together with the stellar mass tracks and WASP-54 results are shown in Fig. 13. According to the stellar models, a late-F star with  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.27$  dex, of this radius and mass has evolved off the zero-age main sequence and is in the shell hydrogen burning phase of evolution with an age of  $6.3^{+1.6}_{-2.4}$  Gyr. The best-fit stellar ages from the other sets of stellar models of WASP-54 also agree with our conclusion. In Fig. 13 the large uncertainty on the minimum stellar mass estimated from interpolation of the Padova isochrones is likely due to the proximity to the end of the main sequence kink. The Padova evolutionary models were selected nevertheless, because they show clearly the evolved status of WASP-54.

In Figs. 14, and 15 we show the best-fit Yonsei-Yale stellar evolution models and mass tracks ([Demarque et al. 2004](#)) for the planet host stars WASP-56 and WASP-57, respectively. Using the metallicity of  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = 0.12$  dex for WASP-56 our fit of the YY-isochrones gives a stellar mass of  $1.01^{+0.03}_{-0.04} M_{\odot}$  and a stellar age of  $6.2^{+3.0}_{-2.1}$  Gyr. This is in agreement with the Li abundance measured in the spectral synthesis (see Table 3), and supports the conclusion that WASP-56 is indeed an old system. Using the metallicity of  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.25$  dex derived from our spectral analysis of WASP-57, we interpolate the YY-models and we obtain a best-fit stellar mass of  $0.89^{+0.04}_{-0.03} M_{\odot}$  and age of  $2.6^{+2.2}_{-1.8}$  Gyr. These results also agree with our results from spectral synthesis and shows that WASP-57 is a relatively young system. For each system the uncertainties in the derived stellar densities, temperatures and metallicities were included in the error calculations for the stellar ages and masses, however systematic errors due to differences between various evolutionary models were not considered.

### 3.2. Planetary parameters

The planetary properties were determined using a simultaneous MCMC analysis including the WASP photometry, the follow up TRAPPIST and Euler photometry, together with SOPHIE and CORALIE radial velocity measurements (as appropriate see Tables 2 and 6–8). A detailed description of the method is given in Collier Cameron et al. (2007) and Pollacco et al. (2008). Our iterative fitting method uses the following parameters: the epoch of mid transit  $T_0$ , the orbital period  $P$ , the fractional change of flux proportional to the ratio of stellar to planet surface areas  $\Delta F = R_{\text{pl}}^2/R_{\star}^2$ , the transit duration  $T_{14}$ , the impact parameter  $b$ , the radial velocity semi-amplitude  $K_1$ , the stellar effective temperature  $T_{\text{eff}}$  and metallicity  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ , the Lagrangian elements  $\sqrt{e} \cos \omega$  and  $\sqrt{e} \sin \omega$  (where  $e$  is the eccentricity and  $\omega$  the longitude of periastron), and the systematic offset velocity  $\gamma$ . For WASP-54 and WASP-57 we fitted the two systematic velocities  $\gamma_{\text{CORALIE}}$  and  $\gamma_{\text{SOPHIE}}$  to allow for instrumental offsets between the two data sets. The sum of the  $\chi^2$  for all input data curves with respect to the models was used as the goodness-of-fit statistic. For each planetary system four different sets of solutions were considered: with and without the main-sequence mass-radius constraint in the case of circular orbits and orbits with floating eccentricity.

An initial MCMC solution with a linear trend in the systemic velocity as a free parameter, was explored for the three planetary systems, however no significant variation was found. For the treatment of the stellar limb-darkening, the models of Claret (2000, 2004) were used in the  $r$ -band, for both WASP and Euler photometry, and in the  $z$ -band for TRAPPIST photometry.

From the parameters mentioned above, we calculate the mass  $M$ , radius  $R$ , density  $\rho$ , and surface gravity  $\log g$  of the star (which we denote with subscript  $\star$ ) and the planet (which we denote with subscript  $\text{pl}$ ), as well as the equilibrium temperature of the planet assuming it to be a black-body ( $T_{\text{pl}, A=0}$ ) and that energy is efficiently redistributed from the planet's day-side to its night-side. We also calculate the transit ingress/egress times  $T_{12}/T_{34}$ , and the orbital semi-major axis  $a$ . These calculated values and their 1- $\sigma$  uncertainties from our MCMC analysis are presented in Tables 4 and 5 for WASP-54, WASP-56 and WASP-57. The corresponding best-fitting transit light curves are shown in Figs. 1–3 and in Figs. 10–12. The best-fitting RV curves are presented in Figs. 4, 6, and 8.

- For WASP-54 the MCMC solution imposing the main sequence mass-radius constraint gives unrealistic values for the best-fit stellar temperature and metallicity, as we expected for an evolved star. We then relaxed the main sequence constraint and explored two solutions: one for a circular and one for an eccentric orbit. In the case of a non-circular orbit we obtain a best-fit value for  $e$  of  $0.067^{+0.033}_{-0.025}$ . This is less than a 3- $\sigma$  detection, and as suggested by Lucy & Sweeney (1971), Eq. (22), it could be spurious. From our analysis we obtain a best-fit  $\chi^2$  statistic of  $\chi^2_{\text{circ}} = 24.3$  for a circular orbit, and  $\chi^2_{\text{ecc}} = 18.6$  for an eccentric orbit. The circular model is parameterised by three parameters:  $K$ ,  $\gamma_{\text{SOPHIE}}$  and  $\gamma_{\text{CORALIE}}$ , while the eccentric model additionally constrains  $e \cos \omega$  and  $e \sin \omega$ . We used the 23 RV measurements available and we performed the Lucy & Sweeney F-test (Eq. (27) of Lucy & Sweeney 1971), to investigate the probability of a truly eccentric orbit for WASP-54b. We obtained a probability of 9% that the improvement in the fit produced by the best-fitting eccentricity could have arisen by chance if the orbit were real circular. Lucy & Sweeney (1971) suggest

**Table 4.** System parameters of WASP-54.

Parameter (Unit)	Value	Value
	Circular solution	Eccentric solution
$P$ (d)	$3.693649^{+0.000013}_{-0.000009}$	$3.693641^{+0.0000043}_{-0.0000074}$
$T_0$ (BJD)	$2\,455\,522.04373^{+0.00079}_{-0.00071}$	$2\,455\,518.35087^{+0.00049}_{-0.00056}$
$T_{14}$ (d)	$0.1882^{+0.0023}_{-0.0031}$	$0.1863^{+0.0015}_{-0.0018}$
$T_{12} = T_{34}$ (d)	$0.0221^{+0.0019}_{-0.0038}$	$0.0203^{+0.0009}_{-0.0011}$
$\Delta F = R_{\text{pl}}^2/R_{\star}^2$	$0.0088 \pm 0.0003$	$0.0086 \pm 0.0002$
$b$	$0.537^{+0.044}_{-0.131}$	$0.490^{+0.026}_{-0.044}$
$i$ ( $^\circ$ )	$84.8^{+1.6}_{-0.6}$	$84.97^{+0.63}_{-0.59}$
$K_1$ (m s $^{-1}$ )	$73 \pm 2$	$73 \pm 2$
$\gamma_{\text{CORALIE}}$ (km s $^{-1}$ )	$-3.1335 \pm 0.0004$	$-3.1345 \pm 0.0009$
$\gamma_{\text{SOPHIE}}$ (km s $^{-1}$ )	$-3.1109 \pm 0.0004$	$-3.1119 \pm 0.0009$
$e \cos \omega$	0 (fixed)	$0.030^{+0.021}_{-0.022}$
$e \sin \omega$	0 (fixed)	$0.055^{+0.037}_{-0.036}$
$e$	0 (fixed)	$0.067^{+0.033}_{-0.025}$
$\omega$ ( $^\circ$ )	0 (fixed)	$62^{+21}_{-33}$
$\phi_{\text{mid-occultation}}$	0.5	$0.519^{+0.013}_{-0.014}$
$T_{58}$ (d)	–	$0.20 \pm 0.01$
$T_{56} = T_{78}$ (d)	–	$0.0232^{+0.0032}_{-0.0023}$
$M_{\star}$ ( $M_{\odot}$ )	$1.201^{+0.034}_{-0.036}$	$1.213 \pm 0.032$
$R_{\star}$ ( $R_{\odot}$ )	$1.80^{+0.07}_{-0.16}$	$1.828^{+0.091}_{-0.081}$
$\log g_{\star}$ (cgs)	$4.01^{+0.07}_{-0.03}$	$3.997^{+0.032}_{-0.035}$
$\rho_{\star}$ ( $\rho_{\odot}$ )	$0.21^{+0.06}_{-0.02}$	$0.198^{+0.025}_{-0.024}$
$M_{\text{pl}}$ ( $M_J$ )	$0.626 \pm 0.023$	$0.636^{+0.025}_{-0.024}$
$R_{\text{pl}}$ ( $R_J$ )	$1.65^{+0.09}_{-0.18}$	$1.653^{+0.090}_{-0.083}$
$\log g_{\text{pl}}$ (cgs)	$2.724^{+0.088}_{-0.042}$	$2.726 \pm 0.042$
$\rho_{\text{pl}}$ ( $\rho_J$ )	$0.14^{+0.05}_{-0.02}$	$0.141^{+0.022}_{-0.019}$
$a$ (AU)	$0.0497 \pm 0.0005$	$0.04987 \pm 0.00044$
$T_{\text{pl}, A=0}$ (K)	$1742^{+49}_{-69}$	$1759 \pm 46$

**Notes.** <sup>(a)</sup>  $T_{14}$ : time between 1st and 4th contact.  $R_J/R_{\odot} = 0.10273$ ;  $M_J/M_{\odot} = 0.000955$ .

a 5% probability threshold for the eccentricity to be significant. From our MCMC analysis we obtain a best-fit value for  $\omega = 62^{+20}_{-30}$  degree, this differs from  $90^\circ$  or  $270^\circ$  values expected from an eccentric fit of a truly circular orbit (see Laughlin et al. 2005). We decided to investigate further our chances to detect a truly eccentric orbit which we discuss in Sect. 3.3. Table 4 shows our best-fit MCMC solutions for WASP-54b for a forced circular orbit, and for an orbit with floating eccentricity. However, based on our analysis in Sect. 3.3, we adopted the eccentric solution.

- For WASP-56b the available follow up spectroscopic and photometric data do not offer convincing evidence for an eccentric orbit. The free-eccentricity MCMC solution yields a value of  $e = 0.098 \pm 0.048$ . The Lucy & Sweeney (1971) F-test, indicates that there is a 42% probability that the improvement in the fit could have arisen by chance if the orbit were truly circular. With only a partial high S/N follow up light curve it is more difficult to precisely constrain the stellar and planetary parameters (e.g., the time of ingress/egress, the impact parameter  $b$ , and  $a/R_{\star}$ ), however the full, although noisy, low S/N GJT light curve (see Fig. 11), allows us to



**Table 5.** System parameters of WASP-56 and WASP-57.

Parameter (Unit)	WASP-56 Value	WASP-57 Value
$P$ (d)	$4.617101^{+0.000004}_{-0.000002}$	$2.838971 \pm 0.000002$
$T_0$ (BJD)	$2455\,730.799 \pm 0.001$	$2455\,717.87811 \pm 0.0002$
$T_{14}$ (d)	$0.1484 \pm 0.0025$	$0.0960 \pm 0.0005$
$T_{12} = T_{34}$ (d)	$0.0146 \pm 0.0005$	$0.01091^{+0.00032}_{-0.00018}$
$\Delta F = R_{\text{pl}}^2 / R_{\star}^2$	$0.01019 \pm 0.00041$	$0.01269 \pm 0.00014$
$b$	$0.272^{+0.029}_{-0.018}$	$0.345^{+0.033}_{-0.014}$
$i$ ( $^\circ$ )	$88.5^{+0.1}_{-0.2}$	$88.0^{+0.1}_{-0.2}$
$K_1$ (m s $^{-1}$ )	$69 \pm 4$	$100 \pm 7$
$\gamma_{\text{SOPHIE}}$ (km s $^{-1}$ )	$4.6816 \pm 0.0001$	$-23.214 \pm 0.002$
$\gamma_{\text{CORALIE}}$ (km s $^{-1}$ )	—	$-23.228 \pm 0.002$
$e$	0 (fixed)	0 (fixed)
$M_{\star}$ ( $M_{\odot}$ )	$1.017 \pm 0.024$	$0.954 \pm 0.027$
$R_{\star}$ ( $R_{\odot}$ )	$1.112^{+0.026}_{-0.022}$	$0.836^{+0.07}_{-0.16}$
$\log g_{\star}$ (cgs)	$4.35 \pm 0.02$	$4.574^{+0.009}_{-0.012}$
$\rho_{\star}$ ( $\rho_{\odot}$ )	$0.74 \pm 0.04$	$1.638^{+0.044}_{-0.063}$
$M_{\text{pl}}$ ( $M_{\text{J}}$ )	$0.571^{+0.034}_{-0.035}$	$0.672^{+0.049}_{-0.046}$
$R_{\text{pl}}$ ( $R_{\text{J}}$ )	$1.092^{+0.035}_{-0.033}$	$0.916^{+0.017}_{-0.014}$
$\log g_{\text{pl}}$ (cgs)	$3.039^{+0.035}_{-0.038}$	$3.262^{+0.063}_{-0.033}$
$\rho_{\text{pl}}$ ( $\rho_{\text{J}}$ )	$0.438^{+0.048}_{-0.046}$	$0.873^{+0.076}_{-0.071}$
$a$ (AU)	$0.05458 \pm 0.00041$	$0.0386 \pm 0.0004$
$T_{\text{pl},A=0}$ (K)	$1216^{+25}_{-24}$	$1251^{+21}_{-22}$

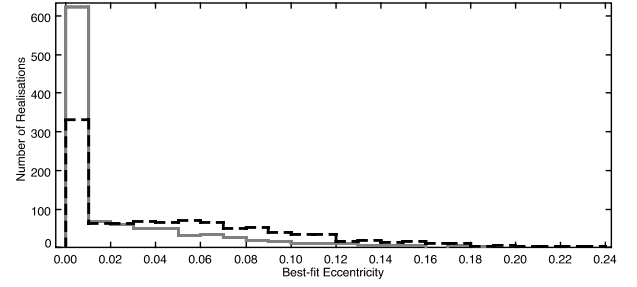
**Notes.** <sup>(a)</sup>  $T_{14}$ : time between 1st and 4th contact.  $R_{\text{J}}/R_{\odot} = 0.10273$ ;  $M_{\text{J}}/M_{\odot} = 0.000955$ .

better constrain the parameters mentioned above. Therefore we decided to relax the main-sequence constrain on the stellar mass and radius and we adopt a circular orbit.

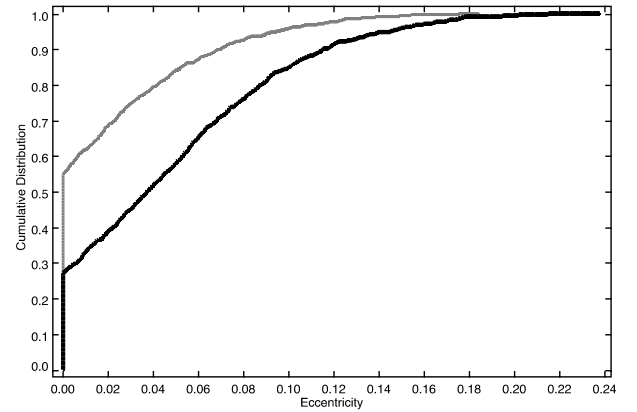
- For *WASP-57b* the follow up photometry and radial velocity data allowed us to relax the main-sequence mass-radius constrain and perform an MCMC analysis leaving the eccentricity as free parameter. However, our results do not show evidence for an eccentric orbit, and the Lucy & Sweeney test yields a 100% probability that the orbit is circular. Moreover, we find that imposing the main-sequence constraint has little effect on the MCMC global solution. Thus, we decided to adopt no main sequence prior and a circular orbit.

### 3.3. Eccentricity of WASP-54b

Here we investigate possible biases in the detection of the eccentricity of WASP-54b, and we explore the possibility that the eccentricity arises from the radial velocity measurements alone. It is well known that eccentricity measurements for a planet in a circular orbit can only overestimate the true zero eccentricity (Ford 2006). We want to quantify whether using only the radial velocity measurements at hand we can find a significant difference in the best-fit model of truly circular orbit compared to that of a real eccentric orbit with  $e = 0.067$ , as suggested by our free-floating eccentric solution. Indeed, the best-fit eccentricity depends on the signal-to-noise of the data, on gaps in the phase coverage, on the number of orbital periods covered by the data set, and the number of observations (see e.g., Zakamska et al. 2011).



**Fig. 16.** Histograms of the output eccentricity distributions for the input  $e = 0$  (grey solid line), and for the input eccentricity of 0.067 (black dashed line).



**Fig. 17.** Cumulative Distribution Function for the two sets of best-fit eccentricities. We show in grey the CDFs for the simulated data sets with underline circular orbits, and in black the CDFs for the eccentric ones.

We use the uncertainty of the CORALIE and SOPHIE radial velocity measurements of WASP-54, the MCMC best-fit orbital period, velocity semi-amplitude  $K$ , and epoch of the transit  $T_0$  as initial parameters, to compute synthetic stellar radial velocities at each epoch of the actual WASP-54 RV data set. We generated synthetic radial velocity data using the Keplerian model of Murray & Dermott (1999), for the two input eccentricities,  $e = 0$  and  $e = 0.067$ . We then added Gaussian noise deviates to the synthetic RV at each epoch, corresponding to the original RV uncertainties added in quadrature with  $3.5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  accounting for stellar jitter. In this way at each observation time the simulated velocity is a random variable normally distributed around a value  $v(t_i) + \gamma$ , with dispersion  $\sqrt{\sigma_{\text{obs}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{jitter}}^2}$ , where  $\gamma$  is the centre of mass velocity. In this manner the simulated data have similar properties to the real WASP-54 velocities but with the advantage of having a known underlying eccentricity and orbital properties.

We generated 1000 synthetic data sets for each input eccentricity and found the best-fit values for  $e$ . In Fig. 16 we show the output eccentricity distributions for the input  $e = 0$  (grey solid line), and for the input eccentricity of 0.067 (black dashed line). Clearly, the one-dimensional distribution of the output eccentricity is highly asymmetric. Because  $e$  is always a positive parameter, the best-fit eccentricities are always positive values. We used the 1000 output best-fit values of  $e$  of the two samples of synthetic data sets to perform the Kolmogorov-Smirnov (KS) test to assess our ability to distinguish between the two underlying distributions. In Fig. 17 we show the Cumulative Distribution Function (CDFs) of the 1000 mock best-fit eccentricities for the two cases. We show in grey the CDFs for the simulated data



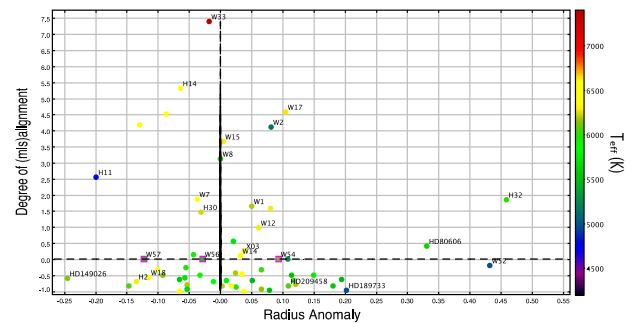
sets with underlying circular orbits, and in black the CDFs for the eccentric case. We calculated  $D$ , the absolute value of the maximum difference between the CDFs of the two samples, and we used tabulated values for the KS test. We are able to reject the hypothesis that the two samples have the same underlying distribution with a confidence of 99.999%. We then conclude that the detected eccentricity of WASP-54b could indeed be real. We point out however, that time-correlated noise could potentially yield a spurious eccentricity detection. This is difficult to assess with the limited number of radial velocity observations at hand; more data and photometric monitoring during transit and secondary eclipses are needed to better constrain the orbital parameters of WASP-54b. In the following, we adopt the eccentric MCMC model for WASP-54b.

## 4. Discussion

We report the discovery of three new transiting extra-solar planets from the WASP survey, WASP-54b, WASP-56b and WASP-57b. In the following we discuss the implications of these new planet discoveries.

#### 4.1. WASP-54b

From our best-fit eccentric model we obtain a planetary mass of  $0.634^{+0.025}_{-0.024} M_J$  and a radius of  $1.653^{+0.090}_{-0.083} R_J$  which yields a planetary density of  $0.141^{+0.022}_{-0.019} \rho_J$ . Thus, WASP-54b is among the least dense, most heavily bloated exoplanets and shares similarities with low-density planets such as WASP-17b (Anderson et al. 2010), WASP-31b (Anderson et al. 2011), and WASP-12b (Hebb et al. 2010). These exoplanets have short orbital periods, orbit F-type host stars and therefore are highly irradiated. Using standard coreless models from Fortney et al. (2007) and Baraffe et al. (2008), we find that WASP-54b has a radius more than 50% larger than the maximum planetary radius predicted for a slightly more massive  $0.68 M_J$  coreless planet, orbiting at 0.045 AU from a 5 Gyr solar-type star ( $R_{\text{expected}} = 1.105 R_J$ ). However, WASP-54 is an F-type star and therefore hotter than the Sun, implying that WASP-54b is more strongly irradiated. The low stellar metallicity ( $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.27 \pm 0.08$ ) of WASP-54 supports the expected low planetary core-mass thus favouring radius inflation. Different mechanisms have been proposed to explain the observed anomalously large planetary radii such as tidal heating (Bodenheimer et al. 2001, 2003), kinetic heating (Guillot & Showman 2002), enhanced atmospheric opacity (Burrows et al. 2007), and semi-convection (Chabrier & Baraffe 2007). While each individual mechanism would presumably affect all hot Jupiters to some degree – for example the detected non-zero eccentricity of WASP-54b and the strong stellar irradiation are contributing to the radius inflation – they cannot explain the entirety of the observed radii (Fortney & Nettelmann 2010; Baraffe et al. 2010), and additional mechanisms are needed to explain the inflated radius of WASP-54b. More recently, Batygin et al. (2011) and Perna et al. (2010) showed that the ohmic heating mechanism (dependent on the planet’s magnetic field and atmospheric heavy element content), could provide a universal explanation of the currently measured radius anomalies (see also Laughlin et al. 2011). However, according to Wu & Lithwick (2012) Eq. (6), the maximum expected radius for WASP-54b, including ohmic heating, is  $1.61 R_J$ . This value for the radius is calculated assuming a system’s age of 1 Gyr and that ohmic heating has acted since the planet’s birth. Therefore, if we regard this value as an upper limit for the expected radius of WASP-54b at 6 Gyr, it appears more difficult to reconcile the observed anomalously large radius of WASP-54b (although the value is

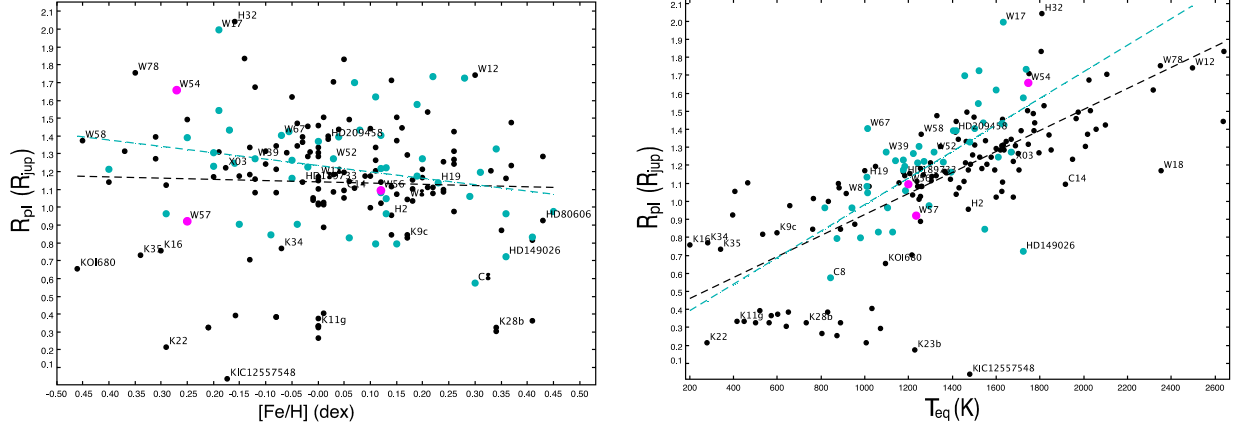


**Fig. 18.** We plot the degree of (mis)alignment,  $\eta_{\text{RM}}$ , versus the radius anomaly  $\mathcal{R}$  and the stellar effective temperature for known planets (see text for details). The black dashed line separates aligned from misaligned systems following our description. The black solid line indicates  $\mathcal{R} = 0$ . Known planetary systems with characteristics across the parameter space are indicated as follows: W for WASP, H for HatNet, C for CoRoT, K for Kepler, and others by their full name. Our three new discoveries are indicated by fuchsia square symbols. We note that no RM measurement is yet available for WASP-54b, WASP-56b, WASP-57b.

within  $1\text{-}\sigma$ ) even when ohmic heating is considered, similarly to the case of WASP-17b (Anderson et al. 2011), and HAT-P-32b (Hartman et al. 2011), as discussed by Wu & Lithwick (2012). Additionally, Huang & Cumming (2012) find that the efficacy of ohmic heating is reduced at high  $T_{\text{eff}}$  and that it is difficult to explain the observed radii of many hot Jupiters with ohmic heating under the influence of magnetic drag. The ability of ohmic heating in inflating planetary radii depends on how much power it can generate and at what depth, with deeper heating able to have a stronger effect on the planet’s evolution (Rauscher & Menou 2013; Guillot & Showman 2002). Huang & Cumming (2012) models predict a smaller radius for WASP-54b (see their Fig. 12).

However, the discrepancy between observations and the ohmic heating models in particular in the planetary low-mass regime (e.g. [Batygin et al. 2011](#)), shows that more understanding of planets’ internal structure, chemical composition and evolution is required to remove assumptions limiting current theoretical models. Moreover, [Wu & Lithwick \(2012\)](#) suggest that ohmic heating can only suspend the cooling contraction of hot-Jupiters; planets that have contracted before becoming subject to strong irradiation, can not be re-inflated. Following this scenario, the observed planetary radii could be relics of their past dynamical histories. If this is true, we could expect planets migrating via planet–planet scattering and/or Kozai mechanisms, which can become important at later stages of planetary formation compared to disc migration ([Fabrycky & Tremaine 2007](#); [Nagasawa et al. 2008](#)), to show a smaller radius anomaly and large misalignments. This interesting possibility can be tested by planets with Rossiter-McLaughlin (RM) measurements of the spin-orbit alignment ([Holt 1893](#); [Rossiter 1924](#); [McLaughlin 1924](#); [Winn et al. 2006](#)). We use all systems from the RM-encyclopedia<sup>4</sup> to estimate the degree of spin-orbit (mis)alignment. We consider aligned every system with  $|\lambda| < 30^\circ$  (a  $3\text{-}\sigma$  detection from zero degrees; [Winn et al. 2010](#)), and define  $\eta_{\text{RM}} = (|\lambda| - 30^\circ)/30^\circ$  as the measure of the degree of (mis)alignment of each system. This has the advantage to show all aligned systems in the region  $-1 < \eta_{\text{RM}} \leq 0$ . In Fig. 18 we show  $\eta_{\text{RM}}$  versus the radius anomaly and the stellar temperature  $T_{\text{eff}}$  (as a colour gradient) for planets with RM measurements. We have calculated

<sup>4</sup> <http://ooo.aip.de/People/rheller/>



**Fig. 19.** Planetary radius versus stellar metallicity  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$  (dex) (*left panel*), and as a function of planet equilibrium temperature  $T_{\text{eq}}$  (K) (*right panel*). Black points indicate known planets, planets in the mass range  $0.2 < M_{\text{pl}} < 0.7 M_{\text{J}}$  are indicated by Turquoise points. Black and turquoise dashed lines are a simple linear regression to the two samples. Data were taken from the exoplanet encyclopaedia. Known planetary systems with characteristics across the parameter space are indicated as in Fig. 18. Our three new discoveries are indicated by fuchsia filled circles.

the radius anomaly,  $\mathcal{R}$ , as follows  $(R_{\text{obs}} - R_{\text{exp}})/R_{\text{exp}}$ , see also Laughlin et al. (2011). We find it difficult to identify any correlation (see also Jackson et al. 2012, and their Fig. 11). We want to stress here that the uncertainty in the timescales of planet-planet scattering and Kozai migration mechanism relative to disc migration remain still large and thus any robust conclusion can not be drawn until all the underlying physic of migration is understood. Moreover, Albrecht et al. (2012) suggest that the Kozai mechanism is responsible for the migration of the majority, if not all, hot Jupiters, those mis-aligned as well as the aligned ones, and finally, that tidal interaction plays a central role. Additionally, measurements of spin-orbit obliquities could bear information about the processes involved in star formation and disc evolution rather than on the planet migration. For example Bate et al. (2010) have recently proposed that stellar discs could become inclined as results of dynamics in their environments (e.g. in stellar clusters), and Lai et al. (2011) suggest that discs could be primordially mis-aligned respect to the star, although Watson et al. (2011) could find no evidence of disc mis-alignment. Last but not least we note that not many planets showing the radius anomaly have measured RM effects and that more observations are needed to constrain theoretical models before any robust conclusion can be drawn.

We investigate the radius anomaly of WASP-54b with respect to the full sample of known exoplanets and respect to the sample of Saturn-mass planets including the latest discoveries and the planets presented in this work (for an updated list see the extra-solar planet encyclopaedia)<sup>5</sup>. In Fig. 19 we plot the planetary radius versus the stellar metallicity (*left panel*), and as a function of the planet equilibrium temperature  $T_{\text{eq}}$  (*right panel*). WASP-54b is indicated with a filled fuchsia circle. We highlight the sample of Saturn mass planets in turquoise; the black and turquoise dashed lines show a simple linear regression for the full exoplanet and the Saturn mass sample respectively.

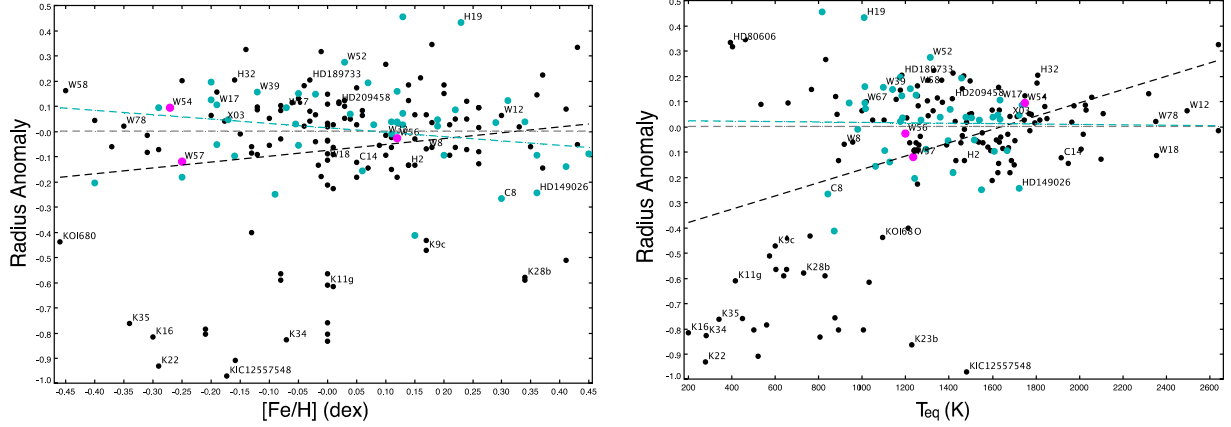
WASP-54b appears to strengthen the correlation between planets' inflated radii and stellar temperature, and the anti-correlation with metallicity. With an irradiation temperature of  $\sim 2470$  K, WASP-54b is in the temperature region, identified by Perna et al. (2012), with  $T_{\text{irr}} > 2000$  K ( $T_{\text{irr}}$  as defined by Heng et al. 2012), in which planets are expected to show large day-night flux contrast and possibly temperature inversion, in which case the ohmic power has its maximum effect. With more

gas giant planet detections we can start to shed some light on which mechanism might be more efficient and in which circumstances. For example, in the case of WASP-39b (Faedi et al. 2011), and WASP-13b (Skillen et al. 2009; Barros et al. 2011), two Saturn-mass planets with similar density to WASP-54b, but much less irradiated ( $T_{\text{eq}} = 1116$  K, and  $T_{\text{eq}} = 1417$  K, respectively) ohmic heating could play a less significant role (see for example Perna et al. 2012). However, many unknowns still remain in their model (e.g., internal structure, magnetic field strength, atmospheric composition). We selected all the exoplanets in the mass range between  $0.1 < M_{\text{pl}} < 12 M_{\text{J}}$ , and we used the empirical calibrations for planetary radii derived by Enoch et al. (2012) to calculate the expected planetary radius  $R_{\text{exp}}$ . We then used these values to derive again the Radius Anomaly. We plot the results of radius anomaly versus stellar metallicity  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$  and as a function of  $T_{\text{eq}}$  in Fig. 20. Colours and symbols are like in Fig. 19, the dotted line indicates a zero radius anomaly. The Enoch et al. (2012) relations take into account the dependence of the planetary radius from planet  $T_{\text{eq}}$ ,  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ , and also tidal heating and semi-major axis. However, we note that even including this dependence, there remained significant scatter in the observed radii in particular for systems such as WASP-17b, WASP-21b and also WASP-54b, WASP-56b and WASP-57b.

Thus, more gas giant planet discoveries and their accurate characterisation are needed to compare planetary physical properties, in order to understand their thermal structure and distinguish between various theoretical models. With a magnitude of  $V = 10.42$  WASP-54 is a bright target and thus its spectroscopic and photometric characterisation is readily feasible. Given the detected non-zero eccentricity we encourage secondary eclipse observations in the IR. These observations will allow precise measurement of the system's eccentricity as well as provide fundamental information on the thermal structure of the planet. However, we note that even in the case of a circular orbit our MCMC solution for WASP-54 yields a very similar, inflated, planetary radius  $R_{\text{pl}}^{\text{circ}} = 1.65 R_{\text{J}}$ , see Table 4.

Finally, WASP-54 is an old ( $>6$  Gyr) F9 star which has evolved off the main sequence and is now in the Hydrogen shell-burning phase of stellar evolution (see Fig. 13). This implies that recently in its life WASP-54 has increased its radius by more than 60%, and thus it is ascending the red giant branch (RGB). WASP-54b thus could be experiencing drag forces, both gravitational and tidal, which will affect its orbital radius. Two main

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**Fig. 20.** Radius anomaly,  $\mathcal{R}$  versus  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$  (dex) (left panel), and as a function of  $T_{\text{eq}}$  (K) (right panel). The radius anomaly is calculated using the Enoch et al. (2012) empirical relation for planetary radii. Symbols are like in Fig. 19. Our three new discoveries are indicated by fuchsia filled circles.

factors contribute to the change of the planetary orbit: 1) the host-star can lose mass via stellar wind which could be accreted by the planet resulting in an increase of the orbital radius; and 2) the planet's orbital angular momentum decreases due to the tidal drag, leading to a decrease of the orbital radius. This is expressed by  $\dot{a}_{\text{pl}} = \dot{a}_{\text{tide}} + \dot{a}_{\text{mass loss}}$  (Zahn 1977, 1989). While the second term is negligible for Jupiter-like planets (Duncan & Lissauer 1998), the term due to tides can become important as it is proportional to  $(R_*/a(r))^8$ , where  $a(r)$  is the decreasing orbital radius. This could re-set the clock of WASP-54b making it appear younger, and maybe contributing to the planet radius inflation. Finally, any planet within the reach of the star's radius during RGB and asymptotic giant branch (AGB) phases (about 1 AU for a Solar-type star) will spiral-in and eventually merge with the star or evaporate (Villaver & Livio 2007; Livio & Soker 1984).

#### 4.2. WASP-56b and WASP-57b

Our modelling of the WASP-56 system yields a planet mass of  $0.571^{+0.034}_{-0.035} M_J$  and radius of  $1.092^{+0.035}_{-0.033} R_J$  which in turn give a planet density of  $0.438^{+0.048}_{-0.046} \rho_J$ . Hence WASP-56b belongs to the class of Saturn-mass planets and does not show a radius anomaly (Laughlin et al. 2011). Figure 19 shows that the radius of WASP-56b is not inflated. With a metallicity of  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = +0.12$  dex WASP-56 is more metal rich than the Sun, and with an age of  $\sim 6.3$  Gyr standard planetary evolutionary models from Fortney et al. (2007) and Baraffe et al. (2008), show that WASP-56b has a core of approximately  $>10 M_{\oplus}$  of heavy material. Moreover, WASP-56b orbits a main sequence G6 star, thus it is subject to less stellar irradiation than WASP-54b. Our best-fit MCMC model for the WASP-57 system yields a planetary mass of  $0.672 M_J$  and a radius of  $0.916 R_J$ . Similarly to WASP-56b, we find that WASP-57b has a high density ( $\rho_{\text{pl}} = 0.873 \rho_J$ ) and small radius. As our analysis suggests that WASP-57b may be relatively young ( $\sim 2.6$  Gyr), it may possess a significant core-mass of more than  $50 M_{\oplus}$ , as derived from standard evolutionary models (Fortney et al. 2007). Figure 19 shows that WASP-56 and WASP-57 systems have different physical properties, for example the radius of WASP-57b appears to depart from the observed trend with stellar metallicity, and the planet possibly shares more similarities with the giant planet in the HAT-P-12 system (Hartman et al. 2009). The derived radii of WASP-56b and WASP-57b are also consistent with more recent planetary models that include ohmic heating. Models from

Batygin et al. (2011), Wu & Lithwick (2012), and Huang & Cumming (2012), all agree in that planets with lower effective temperatures have smaller radii, and that Jupiter-mass planets with  $T_{\text{eff}} < 1400$  K experience no significant radius inflation at all (Miller & Fortney 2011; and Fig. 6 by Batygin et al. 2011). However, despite all available information, we are still far from knowing the composition of the deep interior of exoplanets. For example the very existence of planetary cores, their masses, as well as the amount and distribution of heavy elements in the planets' core or in their envelopes, remain undetermined. Recently, Wilson & Militzer (2012) suggested that planetary cores, mostly composed of rock and ices, can be eroded and/or dissolve (depending on their mass) into the metallic H/He layers above, and thus be redistributed in the planetary envelope (see also Umemoto et al. 2006). This can have significant implications for giant planets' thermal evolution, their radius contraction, and overall structure.

In conclusion, it is clear that continued exoplanet discoveries are needed to provide stronger constraints on theoretical models of close in giant planets and hence their physical properties.

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**Table 6.** Radial velocity and line bisector span measurements of WASP-54.

BJD -2 450 000	RV (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	$\sigma_{RV}$ (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	$V_{span}$ (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	Instrument	RV - $\gamma$ (m s <sup>-1</sup> )	$V_{span} - \langle V_{span} \rangle$ (m s <sup>-1</sup> )	O-C (m s <sup>-1</sup> )
5413.4899	-3.080	0.009	0.068	CORALIE	53	-59	7
5596.8475	-3.202	0.007	0.032	CORALIE	-69	1	4
5622.7168	-3.200	0.010	0.083	CORALIE	-67	-16	6
5623.7808	-3.109	0.027	0.070	CORALIE	25	13	5
5624.7570	-3.052	0.007	0.056	CORALIE	81	-39	13
5626.7092	-3.191	0.008	0.031	CORALIE	-58	113	4
5629.8659	-3.216	0.008	0.050	CORALIE	-82	-12	-15
5635.7802	-3.057	0.009	0.047	CORALIE	76	19	6
5637.8171	-3.187	0.010	0.062	CORALIE	-53	-17	7
5638.8200	-3.101	0.007	0.041	CORALIE	32	34	-16
5639.8881	-3.091	0.007	0.077	CORALIE	43	21	2
5646.7309	-3.061	0.007	0.027	CORALIE	72	7	0
5647.6789	-3.149	0.006	0.020	CORALIE	-16	-18	-9
5648.7057	-3.205	0.006	0.051	CORALIE	-72	1	-2
5651.8347	-3.191	0.008	0.019	CORALIE	-57	-2	-1
5677.5887	-3.173	0.007	0.047	CORALIE	-40	13	7
5646.4778	-3.067	0.012	-0.030	SOPHIE	67	-8	0
5649.4440	-3.150	0.012	0.030	SOPHIE	-17	28	-13
5659.5180	-3.199	0.012	0.013	SOPHIE	-65	-22	6
5663.5397	-3.179	0.016	0.042	SOPHIE	-46	-29	22
5664.5255	-3.117	0.035	-0.010	SOPHIE	17	2	-16
5665.4957	-2.999	0.055	0.140	SOPHIE	134	-30	72
5668.4228	-3.110	0.025	0.017	SOPHIE	23	-2	-30

**Table 7.** Radial velocity and line bisector span measurements of WASP-56.

BJD -2 450 000	RV (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	$\sigma_{RV}$ (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	$V_{span}$ (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	Instrument	RV - $\gamma$ (m s <sup>-1</sup> )	$V_{span} - \langle V_{span} \rangle$ (m s <sup>-1</sup> )	O-C (m s <sup>-1</sup> )
5647.4063	4.724	0.012	-0.045	SOPHIE	42	-6	16
5649.4028	4.626	0.010	-0.045	SOPHIE	-56	-5	-5
5651.4189	4.721	0.035	-0.057	SOPHIE	39	-17	-22
5659.5384	4.723	0.011	-0.039	SOPHIE	41	1	14
5660.5028	4.745	0.010	-0.028	SOPHIE	63	11	-5
5668.4425	4.621	0.027	-0.061	SOPHIE	-61	-22	-58
5670.3468	4.716	0.011	-0.020	SOPHIE	34	20	-4
5671.5029	4.637	0.011	-0.049	SOPHIE	-45	-9	13
5672.4088	4.627	0.010	-0.039	SOPHIE	-55	1	1
5681.4453	4.605	0.011	-0.038	SOPHIE	-77	2	-12
5683.4709	4.742	0.011	-0.031	SOPHIE	60	8	-9
5685.4986	4.620	0.010	-0.025	SOPHIE	-62	14	2
5687.4977	4.734	0.010	-0.037	SOPHIE	52	3	5

**Table 8.** Radial velocity and line bisector span measurements of WASP-57.

BJD −2 450 000	RV (km s <sup>−1</sup> )	$\sigma_{RV}$ (km s <sup>−1</sup> )	$V_{span}$ (km s <sup>−1</sup> )	Instrument	RV − $\gamma$ (m s <sup>−1</sup> )	$V_{span} - \langle V_{span} \rangle$ (m s <sup>−1</sup> )	O−C (m s <sup>−1</sup> )
5646.5086	−23.143	0.018	−0.015	SOPHIE	71	−17	0
5647.5231	−23.255	0.073	−0.043	SOPHIE	−41	−45	58
5661.5093	−23.278	0.015	−0.021	SOPHIE	−64	−23	19
5662.5905	−23.182	0.014	−0.003	SOPHIE	32	−5	7
5668.4671	−23.137	0.042	0.102	SOPHIE	77	100	13
5670.6029	−23.276	0.037	0.110	SOPHIE	−62	108	13
5671.5218	−23.132	0.043	−0.022	SOPHIE	82	−24	−10
5672.6144	−23.258	0.024	−0.036	SOPHIE	−44	−38	−2
5681.4680	−23.333	0.014	0.010	SOPHIE	−119	8	−27
5686.4934	−23.192	0.015	−0.062	SOPHIE	22	−64	−4
5627.7898	−23.304	0.028	0.094	CORALIE	−90	116	7
5648.7304	−23.136	0.022	−0.034	CORALIE	78	−12	−6
5679.8603	−23.169	0.028	−0.043	CORALIE	45	−21	−25
5680.7396	−23.135	0.027	−0.137	CORALIE	79	−115	38
5683.7970	−23.190	0.025	−0.088	CORALIE	24	−66	29
5684.6299	−23.333	0.025	−0.122	CORALIE	−119	−100	−25
5685.7140	−23.139	0.020	−0.017	CORALIE	75	5	−17
5689.8100	−23.278	0.031	−0.012	CORALIE	−64	10	8
5692.8069	−23.227	0.047	−0.005	CORALIE	−13	17	78
5705.6193	−23.125	0.042	0.014	CORALIE	89	36	−6
5722.5786	−23.116	0.024	0.065	CORALIE	98	86	10
5763.5386	−23.280	0.023	−0.084	CORALIE	−66	−62	−9
5764.5606	−23.247	0.025	−0.006	CORALIE	−33	16	−7
5765.5833	−23.119	0.028	−0.000	CORALIE	95	22	5
5767.5688	−23.201	0.035	0.047	CORALIE	13	69	2

**Table 9.** Theoretical evolutionary models for WASP-54, WASP-56 and WASP-57.

Model	Padova		YY		Teramo		VRSS	
	$M_{\star} (M_{\odot})$	Age (Gyr)	$M_{\star} (M_{\odot})$	Age (Gyr)	$M_{\star} (M_{\odot})$	Age (Gyr)	$M_{\star} (M_{\odot})$	Age (Gyr)
WASP-54	$1.1^{+0.1}_{-1.0}$	$6.3^{+1.6}_{-2.4}$	$1.08^{+0.09}_{-0.02}$	$6.95^{+0.96}_{-1.86}$	$1.08^{+0.09}_{-0.09}$	$6.0^{+1.5}_{-0.7}$	$1.10^{+0.04}_{-0.05}$	$5.8^{+1.2}_{-0.7}$
WASP-56	$0.96 \pm 0.04$	$7.6^{+3.7}_{-3.5}$	$1.01^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$	$6.2^{+3.1}_{-2.1}$	$0.97^{+2.93}_{-0.04}$	$9.7^{+3.6}_{-3.7}$	$0.95^{+0.04}_{-0.05}$	$9.7 \pm 3.7$
WASP-57	$0.92^{+0.02}_{-0.06}$	$0.88^{+4.53}_{-0.71}$	$0.89^{+0.04}_{-0.03}$	$2.6^{+2.2}_{-1.8}$	$0.87^{+0.04}_{-0.05}$	$3.5^{+3.5}_{-2.2}$	$0.90 \pm 0.04$	$1.8^{+3.5}_{-1.6}$